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AAUP letter alleges problems at Southern

Leon: faculty should be the judge

By T.R. HANRAHAN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In a letter to Missouri Southern faculty, the Missouri Association of University Professors claims major problems exist between instructors and College administrators. In the two-page letter, Dr. John Hopper, president of the Missouri Association of University Professors and a professor at Northwest Missouri State University, said faculty members at Southern have told him of serious problems here. Those cited include an uncooperative and topheavy administration, a murky system of pay and promotion, bypassed faculty governance processes, and low fac-

ulty morale.

Hopper told *The Chart* his organization simply is responding to the concerns of Southern's faculty.

"We are not implying that Missouri Southern is a bad school or that everything is bad there," he said. "We heard some concerns and responded with an offer to join us. We will have to see how they respond."

According to College President Julio Leon, the accusations in the letter do not accurately reflect the situation here.

"This is an effort by an organization to establish a chapter," he said. "While it calls itself a professional organization, it behaves very much like a union. And to develop a membership and have a purpose, it must

convince people they are unhappy." According to Hopper, that is not the case.

"AAUP is not a union," he said. "Its primary purpose is to develop a strategy for establishing academic progress and academic freedom."

"We don't bargain for money, and we are not a group of rabble-rousers. We are simply interested in the development of governance that provides for free expression of thought."

Hopper said he learned of the problems listed in the letter through correspondence with a member of Southern's faculty. Leon, however, said he had heard the opposite and some faculty members had even complained to him about the letter.

"I am quite confident that the faculty is well satisfied with the leadership and their position and the morale here," he said. "I can't speak

for everyone, but it is my understanding that several faculty members are very upset [about the letter]."

"Number one, I don't think they feel there is a morale problem, and secondly, I think they tended to resent an organization trying to portray a similarity between our campus and another one in the state."

The letter outlined the role AAUP played in changes on the Northwest campus in Maryville.

"Both the national organization and the state conference have played crucial roles in this turnaround," the letter reads in part. "The national organization helped us with organization, tactical advice, helped subsidize an independent budget audit by a national expert, and were prompt in their public warning when our university's president seemed perched to pounce on academic

freedom.

"The state conference both gave the chapter advice and guaranteed that our local pleas for help got the prompt attention they deserved from the national. Both organizations have had representatives on our campus repeatedly, and believe you me, no administration wants to tangle with that."

A member of the Southern faculty who asked to remain anonymous said yesterday that the need may exist for an organization like AAUP.

"The faculty does need some sort of organization that will help faculty be less apathetic and more involved in policy making and policy implementation," the faculty member said. "For the most part, I find that the faculty puts people on the Faculty Senate who do not belong. Most have only been here a year or two.

They don't have tenure, so how many of them would be willing to stand up and put their head on the chopping block?"

Leon said it was the faculty's place to determine whether the alleged problems indeed exist.

"It is not for me to judge," he said. "It is for the faculty to judge. If they join in large numbers, then maybe something is wrong."

According to one faculty member, this is unlikely to happen.

"Short of there being a crisis, I don't foresee any organization coming in," said Dr. Robert Markman, associate professor of history. "I don't see them getting the numbers."

Hopper said he was unsure of the response to the letters of invitation, as positive responses are processed through the Washington, D.C. office of AAUP.

NCATE coming next week

By ANGIE STEVENSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Seven years of preparation will come to a head next week when five members of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) begin evaluation of Missouri Southern's program.

"We were here last weekend and will probably be up until midnight Saturday and Sunday putting finishing touches on things," said Dr. Edward Merryman, dean of the school of education and psychology.

Four of the members will arrive in Joplin Saturday, and one will be here Sunday. NCATE selected them from a pool of trained volunteers consisting of college professors, public school teachers, and graduate students.

The College's teacher education program also was under review three weeks ago by the state. Merryman said they have used that critique to better prepare for this evaluation.

"We made a careful study of all questions asked by the state to see if there were weaknesses in responses," he said. "We feel we will be more consistent this time."

Although similar, the two evaluations will vary.

"The focus of the national accrediting body is a little different," Merryman said. "They put more emphasis on what is being taught, who is teaching, and who is being taught. They want to know if our students are qualified."

While here, the group will verify information in the College's institutional report which was sent to it more than a month ago for review.

In doing so, the team will go over 50 exhibits containing reports and documents and conduct interviews with students, administration, and faculty.

Merryman said a rigid schedule will be followed, with the exception of a few spontaneous interviews. This is the one area the College cannot prepare for.

"The template tells us who is to be interviewed for the most part," he said. "However, if they happen to read a report which they have questions about, they might look up a professor we didn't anticipate to be interviewed. This usually happens."

This added unpredictability, Merryman said, "doesn't ease things any."

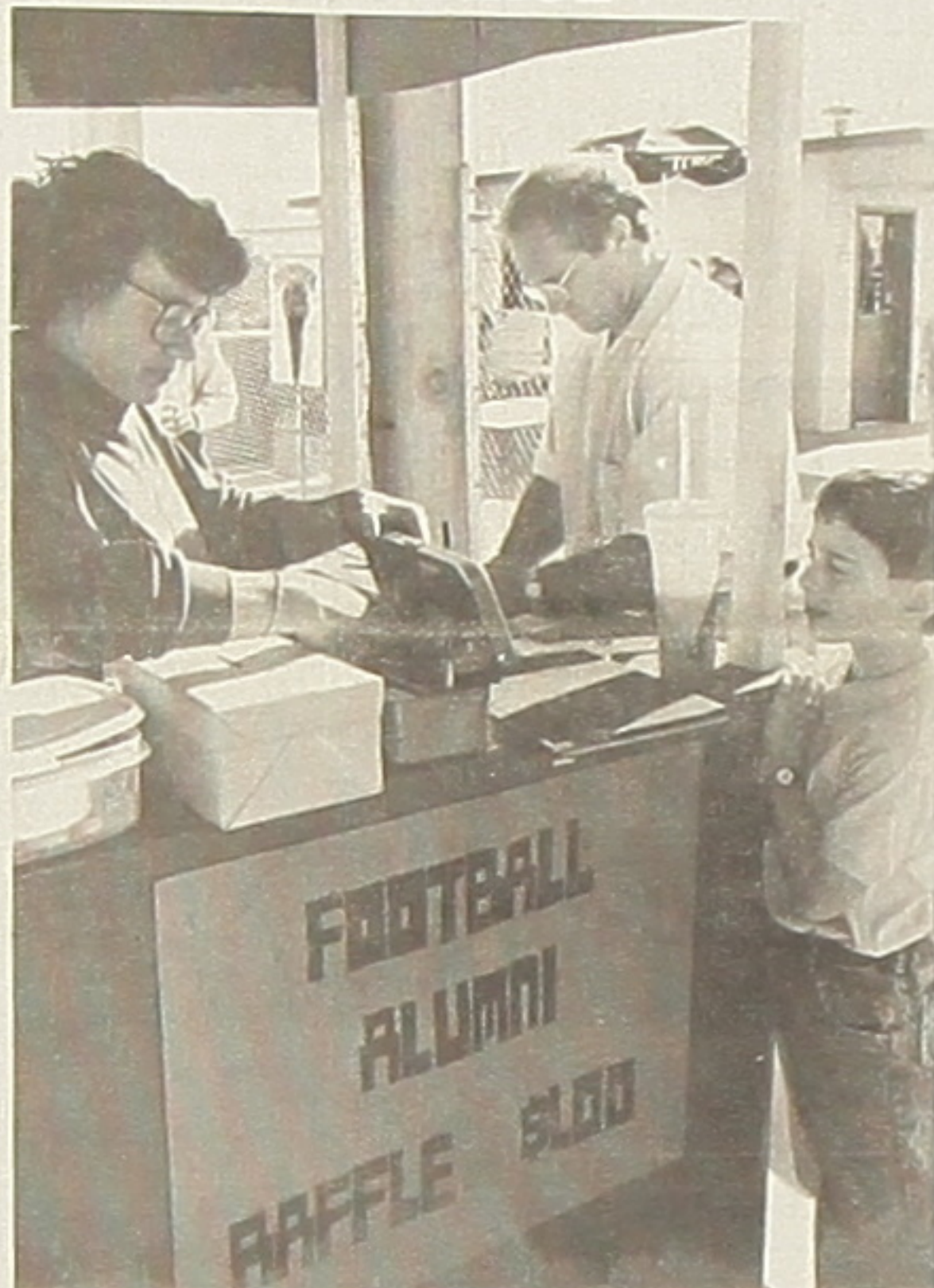
"You never know what possibilities that can bring," he said. "We feel pretty confident that our faculty can answer their questions capably."

The College will get feedback on its program's strengths and weaknesses at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

"At the exit, only certain people may attend," Merryman said. "We can't ask questions; we just sit quietly while they tell us their findings."

Usually only the dean and the NCATE coordinator are allowed at the meeting. However, Merryman has requested the presence of College President Julio Leon and Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs as well. The final report will be issued in the spring of 1992.

TAKING A CHANCE



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Allison Ham sells a \$1 raffle ticket to Rex Patchin, a 1977 Missouri Southern graduate, at the Football Lettermen's Alumni Association booth during the Oct. 12 Southern football game. Raffles are illegal in Missouri, but the group says it will keep selling the chances.

Senate to reconsider holding illegal raffle

By KAYLEA HUTSON
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After learning of the Missouri law prohibiting raffles, the Student Senate will reconsider a planned United Way fund-raiser. But another group, the Football Lettermen's Alumni Association, plans to continue conducting its raffle/fund-raiser.

Despite their illegality, community groups also are using raffles to benefit charity. Precious Moments in Carthage is conducting one to aid Children's Miracle Network, with a drawing to be held Nov. 2.

"We are reconsidering it," said Bryan Vowles, Student Senate president, "and maybe the whole program—now that we are aware it is illegal under Missouri law. We wanted to do something to change it so it would be in the legal sector."

The Senate's original proposal involved a raffle in which students could purchase chances to win permits for faculty and staff parking spaces. Vowles said although the raffle may not take place, the Senate still wants to help the United Way.

The Football Lettermen's Alumni Association, meanwhile, will continue selling raffle tickets to benefit the Southern football program. Members are selling \$1 chances for a trip for two to Mexico.

Rick Ham, association president, said the group will be selling the tickets during Saturday night's home football game against Pittsburg State. The association has raised approximately \$500 of its \$5,000 goal.

Precious Moments' raffle is part of the Chiefs' Charity for Children, a Nov. 2 fund-raiser at the Precious Moments Convention Center.

"We want to make as much money as we can to give to the Children's Miracle Network," said Nancy Geter, a Precious Moments representative.

"We want to help the children." Chances for an original colored artwork by Precious Moments creator Sam Butcher are being sold for \$5 donations.

According to David Dally, Jasper County prosecuting attorney, while all raffles are illegal under Missouri law, his office does not seek out offenders.

"We don't look for them at all," Dally said. "If somebody complains, we look into it, and that's basically what we do with raffles."

"It's not the type of thing you go out to look for and not the type of thing to get very excited over when you do find it."

Dally said his office has never taken action against groups conducting raffles because his staff never has received a complaint.

"People generally accept them for what they are," he said, "a fund-raiser for non-profit organizations."

Dally said, however, that public acceptance does not make a raffle legal.

"Any kind of a raffle is illegal," he said. "The only gambling that is legal is the state-operated lotteries, state-licensed bingo games, and—if it ever is established—horse racing and dog racing."

'B' may result in new names

University status would enhance Southern's image

By T.R. HANRAHAN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

[Editor's note: This is the ninth in a series of stories about Proposition B, leading up to the Nov. 5 election. Next week's story will look at the tax package's chances for approval.]

If voters approve Proposition B on Nov. 5, four colleges, including Missouri Southern, may need new stationery.

A provision in the \$385 million funding package requests the Coordinating Board for Higher Education to consider name changes for Central Missouri State University, Southwest Missouri State University, Missouri Western State College, and Southern.

Should the CBHE and General Assembly accept the changes, Southern would become Missouri Southern State University, Missouri Western would become Missouri Western State University, CMSU would be renamed State University of Missouri at Warrensburg, and SMSU would become Missouri State University at Springfield.

"It would certainly help in the recruitment of students and faculty," Dr. Janet Murphy, Missouri Western president, said. "It definitely would be a plus for us."

The advantages of university status for Southern likewise would be substantial, said College President Julio Leon.

"From an image standpoint it will be good for us," Leon said. "There is that perception in people's minds that a university is somehow better than a college."

"This enhanced image will help us attract the best students and faculty and also help us retain the students and faculty we now have."

CMSU President Ed Elliott agrees, but says the name changes should be something more than a decoration.

"I have maintained all along that you do not change the name of a college or university without a substantial reason," Elliott said. "I think it comes with the efforts to change the



missions. Don't do it as a P.R. gimmick. It should be based on what the institutions are doing."

According to provisions of the bill, the name changes would accompany the revision and expansion of the schools' missions. Leon said Southern will not be caught off guard.

"Missouri Southern has taken steps in the last four to seven years

to prepare for this," he said. "We have improved the quality of our programs, and therefore the faculty and the students are in a good position to become a university."

According to Dr. Dymna Bowles, SMSU consultant, that school also has been readying for the possible changes.

"In terms of the expanded mission statements, we are already doing things," Bowles said. "The change will help, though, in expanding our degree programs."

Bowles also said it could be a financial boost for SMSU.

Ad campaign slow in reaching Joplin

By T.R. HANRAHAN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

A media campaign begun this week for Proposition B slowly is making its way to southwest Missouri, supporters say.

Television advertisements in favor of the \$385 million education funding package began Tuesday in St. Louis, Kansas City, and the Columbia-Jefferson City area.

Margo Carlock, communications director for Missourians for Quality Education, said the TV spots, augmented by radio and newspaper advertisements, will work their way toward the out-state regions as the Nov. 5 election draws near.

"We will begin in southwest Missouri with newspaper ads," she said. "But I see the television ads getting there as the election gets closer."

Carlock said the decision to target larger metropolitan areas for the initial TV ads was a multifaceted one.

"First of all, we wanted to con-

centrate on the counties with the most frequent voters," she said. "Those counties lie along that I-70 corridor."

"We also have a limited budget, and we need to concentrate on the areas where we can effect the most positive votes."

College President Julio Leon said Joplin's location plays a part in the lack of Prop B advertising.

"I think, and what I've heard, is there is a question with regards to the efficiency of television advertising in border areas," he said.

"Here, they would spend a great deal of money on the ads and much of the message would travel to audiences in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. In Kansas City and St. Louis they can reach more people for their money."

Carlock said MQE has not forgotten this area, however.

"We are working down there to get the message across," she said.

"Both campaign chairmen have visited the region, and we will continue to try to promote the measure in southwest Missouri."

A NEW ANGLE ON SAFETY



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Missouri Highway Patrol Sgt. Larry Cooper demonstrates seatbelt safety to students on campus yesterday.

Students to receive progress reports

By CHAD HAYWORTH
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Beginning next spring, all students in 100- and 200-level classes should be aware of their grades by the fourth week of the semester.

The Faculty Senate voted Monday to require all departments to install procedures to inform students of their academic progress. Verification of the notification will be through the department heads, school deans, and the vice president for academic affairs.

The intent here is to get away from formal notification," said Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs. "Quite frankly, we want to get away from the mid-term, final, term-paper-type grading as a way to measure freshmen and sophomores. That type of system would be more appropriate for graduate level work."

Brown said the policy would be set up by each department to fit its academic discipline.

"Depending on what a department decides to do, this could mean that someone would not have to do any more than they do now," he said. "This is something we all ought to do anyway; it is part of our professional responsibility."

In other business, the Senate heard report from Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, on the College's Proposition B efforts.

Tiede said the effort to register voters had been a success. He said approximately 800 new voters had been registered and more than 200 had transferred their registration.

BRANCHING OUT



A student studies beneath a tree outside Spiva Art Center while enjoying Friday's warm fall weather.

CHRIS COX/The Chart

Hearnes loses power third time

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

For the third time this semester, electric power to Hearnes Hall was disrupted.

The two-hour outage occurred at approximately 1:15 a.m. yesterday. Power also was interrupted to the building on Sept. 4 and Sept. 23.

Bob Beeler, physical plant director, said a ground fault caused all three disruptions.

"The cable literally exploded underground," he said. "It was the same cable under the Hearnes parking lot that has caused us trouble before."

The installation of a new cable is expected to begin Monday.

A number of factors could in-

fluence the completion of the cable installation, said Gene McMeen, industrial engineer with Empire District Electric Company.

"Assuming the weather is good, we hope to complete the job by the weekend," McMeen said. "You're never sure how fast it'll go."

Beeler said the construction will require closing the road north of Hearnes Hall.

"On Nov. 1 we will have to close that driveway," he said. "We'll close it at noon Friday [Nov. 1], and it'll be closed until Saturday afternoon [Nov. 2]."

McMeen said a conduit made of PVC, a heavy-ridged plastic material, will be installed from Duquesne Road by the Spiva Art Center to Hearnes Hall.

The plastic will be covered by concrete and the cable pulled through the conduit.

"This new feed will probably serve the buildings on the oval from Reynolds east," McMeen said. "A switch between Reynolds and the union (Billingsly Student Center) will allow power to be switched to another feed if something happens."

Beeler said the new cable should put an end to the repeated ground faults that have plagued Hearnes Hall this semester.

"All of the ground faults we've had in the last six months have been in that worn-out piece of cable," he said. "I can't say you won't have ground faults on other cables, but it will take care of them with this particular section."

Gay groups exist at other colleges

By P.J. GRAHAM
CAMPUS EDITOR

A gay and lesbian group soon may become part of the Missouri Southern community, yet the College lags behind other schools in recognizing the presence of such organizations.

Barbara Gossett, assistant director of student development at the University of Missouri-Columbia, said the Gay and Lesbian Alliance has been officially accepted by the university since the late 1970s. She said there is not much conflict on campus about the group.

"There really hasn't been controversy about them being a student organization," she said. "A couple of years ago, people would write graffiti and destroy some stuff."

Gossett said the group receives office space from UMC, but that it has problems maintaining privacy.

"Some people are not coming to the group because they feel it's not private enough," she said.

The problem concerning the privacy of club members affects Southern's own gay and lesbian support group. David Swensen, the group's organizer, told *The Chart* last week the reason the group did not want official recognition was because of the need to have all the members' names given to the College.

The University of Missouri-Rolla, however, is trying to find a way to keep club members' names confidential because the Lesbian and Gay Student Organization there cannot be made official without revealing names of its members.

"The group, of course, did not want to do that," said Linda Martin, UMR student services coordinator. "Our policies are being revised."

Martin said the revision would include keeping all club members' names confidential, with the excep-

tion of the club's officers. UMR needs the information because it does not allow club officers to continue their duties if they are on academic probation. The group does not want to release any names, but Martin said the offer is the best UMR can do.

Martin believes this type of compromise is becoming the trend on colleges campuses.

However, Doug Carnahan, Southern's director of student life, does not see this trend coming here due to the College's rules. He said an organization which did not reveal the names of members would be too "secretive" to control.

At other campuses, gay and lesbian organizations have not let such elements detain them from being officially recognized by their college.

At Southeast Missouri State University, the Gay and Lesbian Student Organization has been on campus almost four years. According to Bob Decker, director of campus activities, the group is "fairly low-key" but does face some problems from the student body.

"When they get [university-allocated] money," he said, "people get upset. Sometimes, people tear down their flyers."

Decker said the group is active despite its low profile. Members participate in leadership forums, and their sponsor was named SEMO adviser of the year. The group sponsors homosexual awareness programs to enlighten students of its situation.

"I think they have been successful in helping heterosexual students accept the fact that gay and lesbian people are a part of this world," he said. "Even when they are upsetting people, they are educating people."

The University of Missouri-St. Louis also has officially recognized the Lesbian and Gay Student Organization as a campus group.

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OUR EDITORIALS

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No thanks

Sell it somewhere else. The recent letter sent to all or most of the College faculty is a two-page commercial for the American Association of University Professors. Like all commercials, it sells hard and quickly without wasting any time checking all the facts.

AAUP claims Southern's administration is uncooperative and top heavy. But nine people—one president, three vice presidents, four deans, and an assistant dean—for a college of 6,000 students is hardly what we would term top heavy.

Dr. John Hopper, the AAUP Missouri Conference president, says he has heard indirectly from our faculty that morale is low. But Southern faculty got a pay raise this year, and we'd put a dollar on a dime that most professors across Missouri wish their administration and Board of Regents were so "uncooperative." Think about their morale.

The AAUP is like any other organization. In order to survive it must grow, and that means selling memberships. The only way it can do this is by going where it isn't.

According to Hopper, Missouri Western and Missouri Southern are the only regional four-year colleges in the state without an active AAUP chapter. A faculty member told a *Chart* reporter Southern used to have a chapter but it went inactive. Perhaps it wasn't needed.

Sure, the faculty and administration have differences. That is inherent in the system. Another given is that the College needs both to operate.

The way to solve problems is dialogue with each other, not in the AAUP snake oil.

A good move

Study hard, kids. Soon Missouri Southern will ask incoming freshmen to be ready for college work. Plans are in the works to require a core curriculum be part of an applicant's high school program.

A recommended core program includes four years of English, three years of math, three years of social studies, two years of a foreign language, and two years of science. The program will be phased in over several years to give students and high schools time to adjust.

They will probably need it. No more cruising through the senior year without a worry. Here comes the core curriculum.

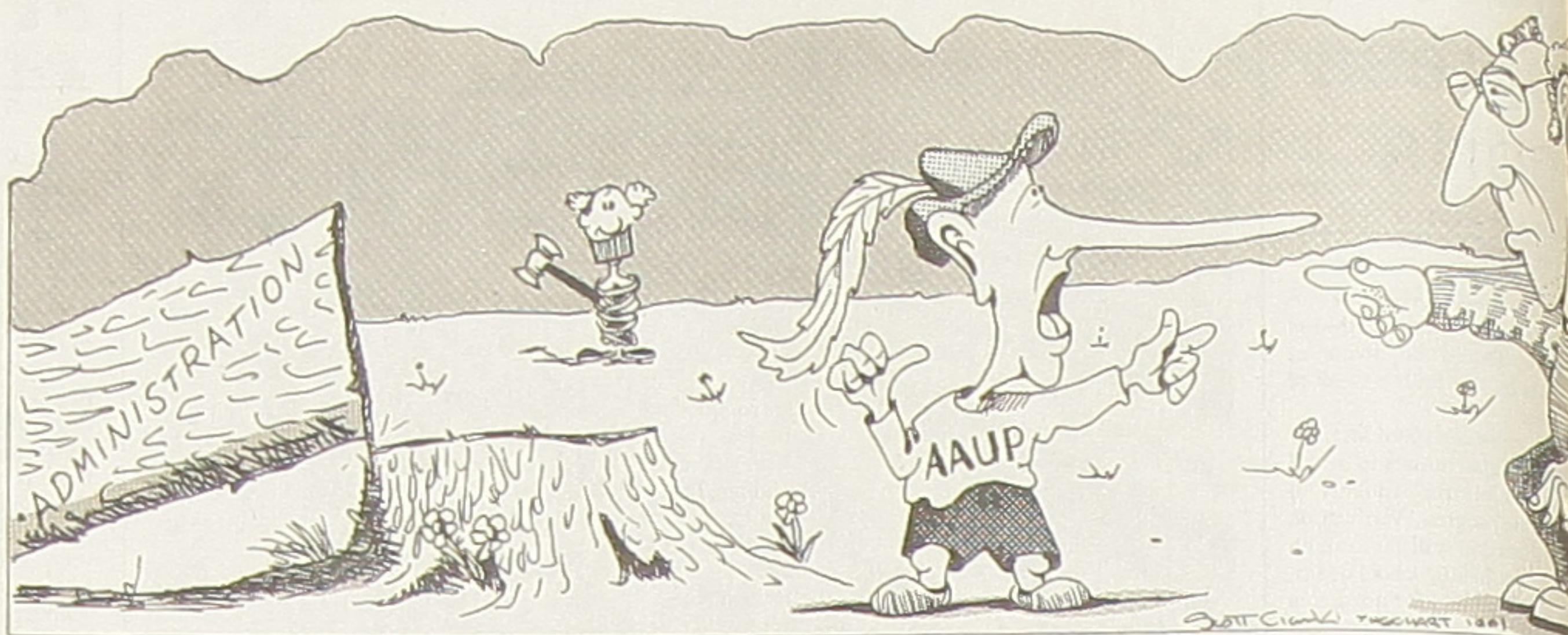
It's a good idea whose time has come.

We haven't been Joplin Junior College for 25 years. Yet for too long, students have used Missouri Southern as a weigh station to somewhere else. They would come here, take what they missed in high school, then move on to another school.

Southern was forced to spend resources on remedial education rather than higher education, and the College suffered for it.

If Proposition B passes and Southern indeed becomes a university, this will be a step in the right direction. Admissions will be more selective, the programs more challenging, and the diplomas worth more.

It's a win-win situation.



Prejudice is alive and well at Southern

By T.R. HANRAHAN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

I'm ashamed of you, Missouri Southern. In the past week I have heard from fellow students (and even friends) some of the most vile, hate-inspired trash regarding *The Chart's* coverage of a gay organization.

Perhaps it is because I occupy a highly visible position on the paper, but I have been confronted by students demanding to know who wrote the editorial supporting the group's right to exist.

We do not reveal the authors of staff editorials, period. The editorials are written by top-level editors of *The Chart*.

Enough about that. Students also have approached me about the fact the story appeared in the first place. Hey, folks, the last time I checked the First Amendment was alive and well. Apparently not.

People I heretofore believed to be intelligent and open-minded have told me it is "sick" to print stories about gays, accused the writers of being gay, and questioned whether *The Chart* itself is an organization dominated by homosexuals. Well, let me answer those people.

Despite anyone's beliefs regarding homosexuality, the fact an organization is forming is news. Any new group forming here would receive coverage. Perhaps not front-page coverage, but coverage nonetheless. The reason GALA appears on page one is the sensitive nature of the subject matter. Your very fears and insecurities feed curiosity, and we put it up front to satisfy you. Face it—you share the blame.

Homosexuals exist, and putting them aside or sweeping them under the rug will not eliminate them.



EDITOR'S COLUMN

It will simply keep them in the closet and serve to further entrench ignorance on campus. We will not be a part of this. We will cover news no matter what the subject matter and refuse to be censored due to bigotry. The day we become sanitized by narrow-mindedness is the day I will quit.

The sexuality of the writers who covered this subject is their business. Covering a basketball game does not automatically make the reporter a basketball player. The coverage was accurate and fair. The editorial supported basic freedoms and criticized ignorance. We stand behind both the story and the editorial.

The Chart is a student newspaper, nothing more. In response to the student who said the paper must be "loaded with fags," I say grow up. We don't know the sexual orientation of each member of the staff, and we don't care.

David Swenson, organizer of the group, said members do not wish to "convert anyone" and exist as a support group for each other. So what are you people so afraid of?

Students have told me they really don't have anything against the group, "as long as they don't hit on me." Others say they accept the group's right to exist, but "don't want to have to hear about them." How nice. Just bury your head in the sand and suffocate the rights of others in the process.

The group does not place itself in a position of high visibility and is not seeking recognition or money from the Student Senate. It simply wants to work for issues of a common interest to its members.

Have you seen them trying to win hearts and minds? Have you been approached by them and asked to join? Have you seen them passing out literature in the campus oval or holding public meetings or posting flyers? Seems like a pretty low-key group to me.

Perhaps some of the accepted groups could learn from this. Many of them openly recruit, and loudly the times and place of their meetings, and come to expect Student Senate to grant their requests without a second thought.

These "normal" groups push their agenda regularly ask *The Chart* for coverage of their activities. If the paper told them no because we disagreed with their views, these groups would shout loud and clear. If we denied Christian groups news space because non-Christian students disagree, would that be I think not.

From what I have gathered, the gay students scared to be recognized because they sense a current of resentment and hatred aimed at them. However covert this may be, it is serious enough to keep them in hiding. Think about it, Southern, right?

Look around the campus. We have the Black Legionians, the International Club, and now GALA. Where are they? I rarely see announcements of activities, and if I wanted to join any of these groups, I would be lost. For all our talk about an international mission, the campus looks pretty lily-white to me.

Whether real or simply perceived, prejudice is a reason they lack visibility. We as a campus have to work to eliminate bigotry in all its forms. Let our eyes and our minds. Show GALA it has no need to fear in stepping forward. If they choose to stay in the closet, fine. But if they wish to "come out," show them the door is unlocked.

This space is reserved each week for staff to express their views and personal opinions. I speak for everyone at *The Chart*, and I do not speak for the administration. If the past week is any barometer, I could be a little more open.

More than likely, some tiny minds will be as gay and call me "faggot" or worse. So be it. What I've seen, the underrepresented and marginalized groups at Southern support individual freedoms and equal rights. I'll stand with them anytime.

Not everyone realizes American Dream

By PHYLLIS TALLEY
JUNIOR SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

Everyone is entitled to the "American Dream," but for millions of people in the United States who live in absolute deprivation, this dream is beyond reality.

According to the 1990 Census Report, there are 33.6 million Americans—13.5 percent of our population—who live in poverty.

Women and children make up the major proportion of the poor population. Forty percent of the 33.6 million are children under the age of 18, and 90 percent of them live in female-headed households. In the book, *Women and Social Welfare*, Carol H. Meyer points out that "Children are only as well off as their mothers," so, as we see the continued increase of poverty in these fatherless homes, we also see the increase of poverty among children.



IN PERSPECTIVE

Early in life, most poor children learn "their position" in society, and usually, despite their own best efforts, they learn that society is structured against them. Although there are supposed to be equal opportunities for advancement for everyone, what poor children soon realize is that their efforts and abilities do not count for much.

Our social system determines who is most likely to obtain the "American Dream." Studies have shown that a person's chances of advancement is by way of a good education, and the best predictor of a child's educational attainment is his social class background. The higher the parent's social class, then the higher educational attainment for children. This means, of course, that children in poverty have fewer opportunities to learn.

Even given the opportunity to learn, to be poor in school often means that you are stigmatized. Discrimination toward these children exists in our schools everywhere.

Stanley D. Eitzen says "Children of the poor often

do not perform well in school largely because of the expectations for them from teachers and administrators." Problems arise as a result of the attitudes of some of these middle class teachers toward poor children. If expected to perform poorly, then the expectation of failure becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy for the children. Thus, a large proportion of underprivileged children fear school and feel that education is threatening.

In addition to the unequal and unjust treatment shown by the school system itself, poor children have many other problems in school. They lack such things as adequate clothing, school supplies, food, and dental care, personal hygiene, transportation, money to pay for extras at school, privacy with homework, and usually encouragement at home.

As a result of these many barriers, most children who live in poverty have very low self-esteem. It has been said that the educational system is a kind of sorting agency in which the most talented individuals rise to the top. Talent doesn't count for much in poverty. If you are a child living in poverty, you are expected to stay at the bottom.

So much for the "American Dream."

YOUR LETTERS

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Hearn Hall 117 by noon Monday for that week's edition. All letters must be printed or typed, and signed. Letters of less than 300 words in length receive priority consideration.



So-called paper should print news

I am a Webb City graduate currently enrolled at Missouri Southern. This recent slam fest geared toward Webb City High School football is only hurting Missouri Southern's image in my hometown.

It is true that when you think of Webb City you most commonly think of Pittsburg State University. However, the head coach of Missouri Southern said that Southern makes a few token appearances at WCHS. (From *The Chart* Oct. 17, 1991) *The Chart* also printed that these were low compared to appearances by PSU and CMSU.

There are many Webb City graduates, some athletes some not, attending MSSC. If this paper continues to print articles attempting to hurt our

image, MSSC will lose those students. No one will ruin the pride that Webb City has for its football program.

My problem is not with Jon Lantz, even though I disagree with some of the things he has said, my problem is with this so-called paper for printing things that no one wants to read about. You printed that there has been a silent feud, there was not one until YOU started one.

Try printing the news instead of starting feuds!

Leslie A. Smith
Junior accounting major

Sloweth down, you young drivers

I'm madder than hell and I'm not going to take it anymore," said an apoplectic Howard Beale in the 1976 movie, *Network*. Well, so am I. It's you gum-snapping, post-high schoolers in red, knobby-kneed Japanese cars I'm madder than hell at and your Demolition Derby mentality on these narrow, congested inner-campus streets. My God, kids, moderation.

Although you're immortal and we slow pe-

destrians are not, believe me when I mention that this spiffy hickory cane you see me carrying isn't because I'm a fantasizing Winston Churchill. Ask your favorite emergency medical technician about it, if you can keep from throwing up.

Sloweth down least I smite thee with thy staff.

Larry B. Meacham
Public information staff

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Coup leaders claim defense of constitution

Overthrow of legal Haitian government replaces Bertrand-Aristide with the coup leaders' choice

THE ECONOMIST ▶

The champagne flowed again beneath the dome of Haiti's white presidential palace, as generals mingled with nervous politicians to celebrate the inauguration of their new provisional president. It was not always obvious who were the hosts, who the guests. The acting head of the armed forces, Brigadier-General Raoul Cedras, towered over the new head of state, Joseph Nerette, a small, sprightly 67-year-old judge of the Supreme Court. He had been thrust into the breach by the soldiers, who had recently ousted the country's elected president, the rebel priest Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

The party for Nerette's dubious inauguration was on Oct. 8. At Aristide's inauguration eight months ago there was no champagne, and few soldiers. His guests included representatives of Haiti's slum-dwellers, as well as a collection of foreign dignitaries. This time, the soldiers sat boozing in the palace long after Nerette had gone home.

By putting in a civilian president, Haiti's generals deflected an international attempt to save Aristide's presidency. They may be brutal, but they maneuvered like masters in the face of the widespread criticism abroad of their coup. The Organization of American States, with unusual solidarity, was striving to find a way of insisting that Aristide should be allowed to return. The Haitian



President JEAN-BERTRAND of Haiti

soldiers, rejecting the usual temptation to put one of their own into the job, trumped them.

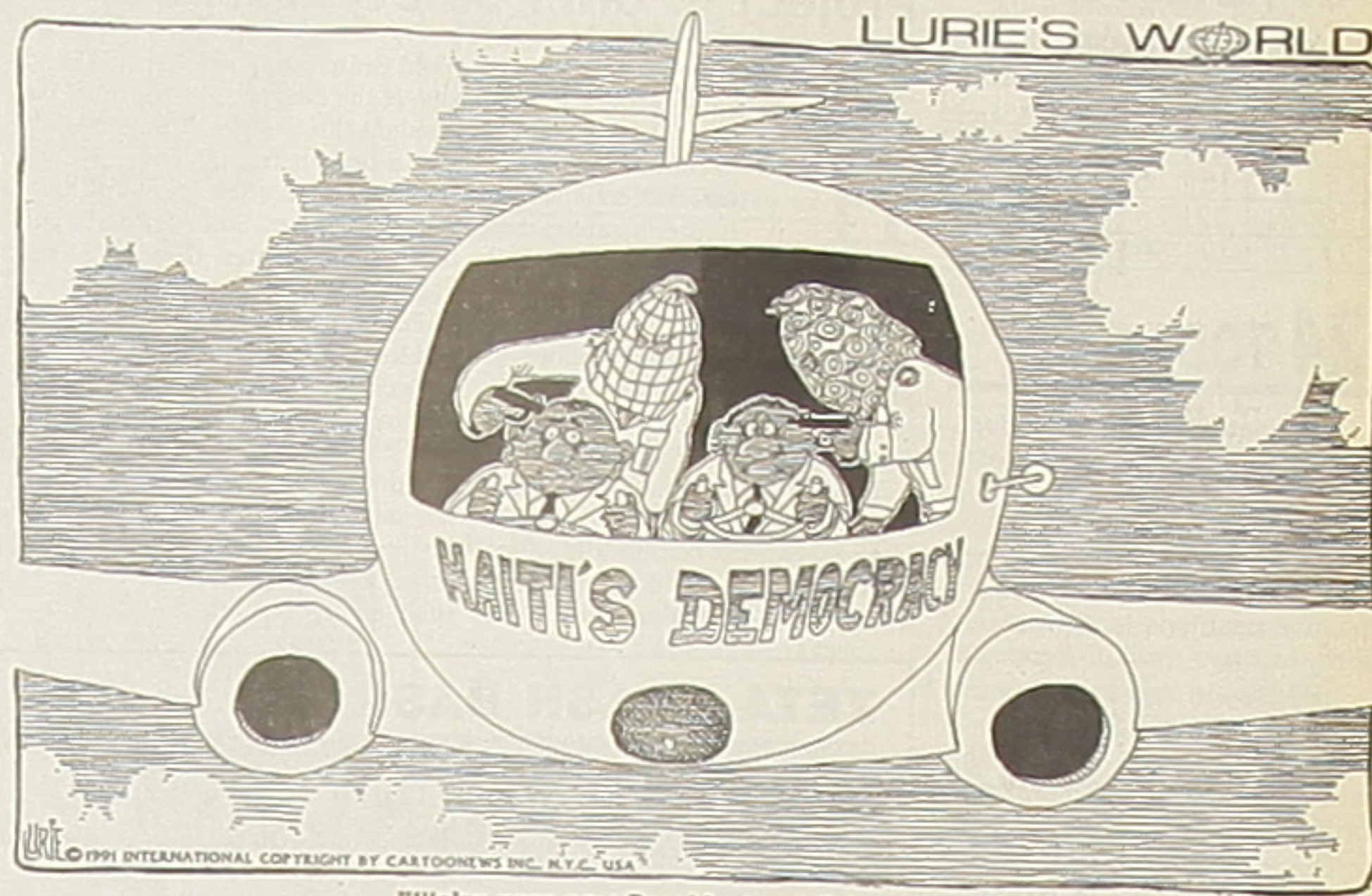
Only one Haitian politician had the courage to stand up publicly for the ousted president. He was Evans Paul, the mayor of the capital, Port-au-Prince. On Oct. 7 he was at the airport, talking to the foreign diplomats who were seeking to make contact with the coup leaders. Soldiers grabbed him at gunpoint, and beat him up with the United States am-

bassador standing by. Paul was released some hours later, with cuts and bruises.

At the National Assembly the same day the subtler game began. Soldiers rounded up as many elected members as they could find, and fired their automatic weapons around the building. The assemblymen—29 out of a total membership of 110—then put their names to a resolution declaring the presidency vacant. The following day, in similar circumstances, they appointed Nerette to fill Aristide's place. Some of them denied that the assembly had been fired on by soldiers the previous day; others said the shooting had been done by Aristide's supporters.

Many accusations were produced to justify Aristide's overthrow. He had authorized the training of an armed presidential security team of 56 members, with the help of one American, two Frenchmen and two Swiss. Haiti's regular soldiers said this was the core of an unlawful paramilitary force, independent of the army.

The generals also picked upon a speech made by Aristide three days before the coup. In it he appeared to encourage his supporters to kill their opponents with "necklaces" of flaming tires. (Haitians call them Peres Lebruns, after the country's well-known tire-importing firm.) In the speech, broadcast on local radio, the president did indeed say: "What a beautiful instrument; what a beautiful device. It's such a nice



"We're your new President and Prime Minister."

smell. You breathe it wherever you go. Do not neglect to give them what they deserve." Duly terrified, many rich Haitians supported the coup and gave the army vehicles, food, petrol and money.

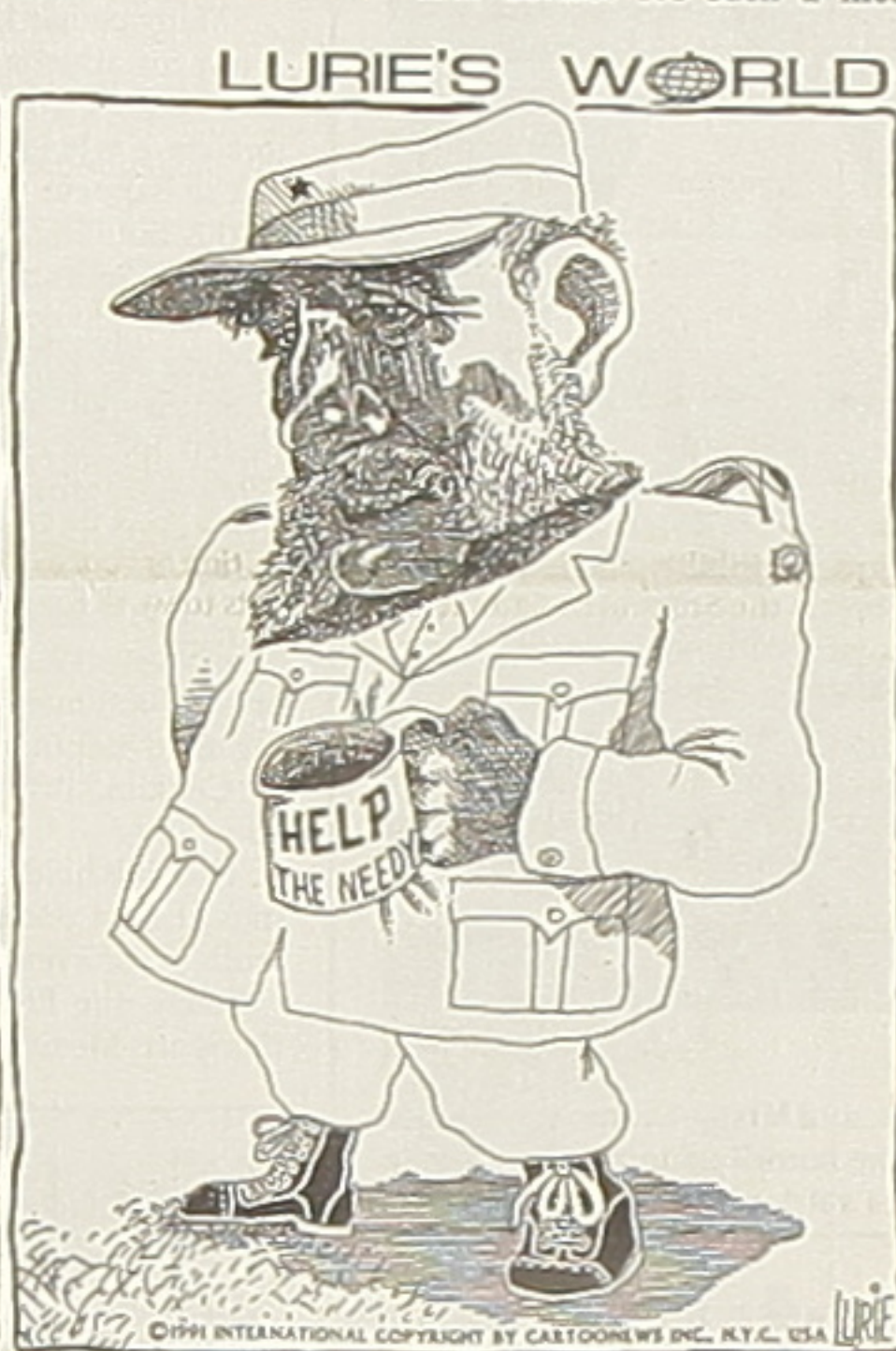
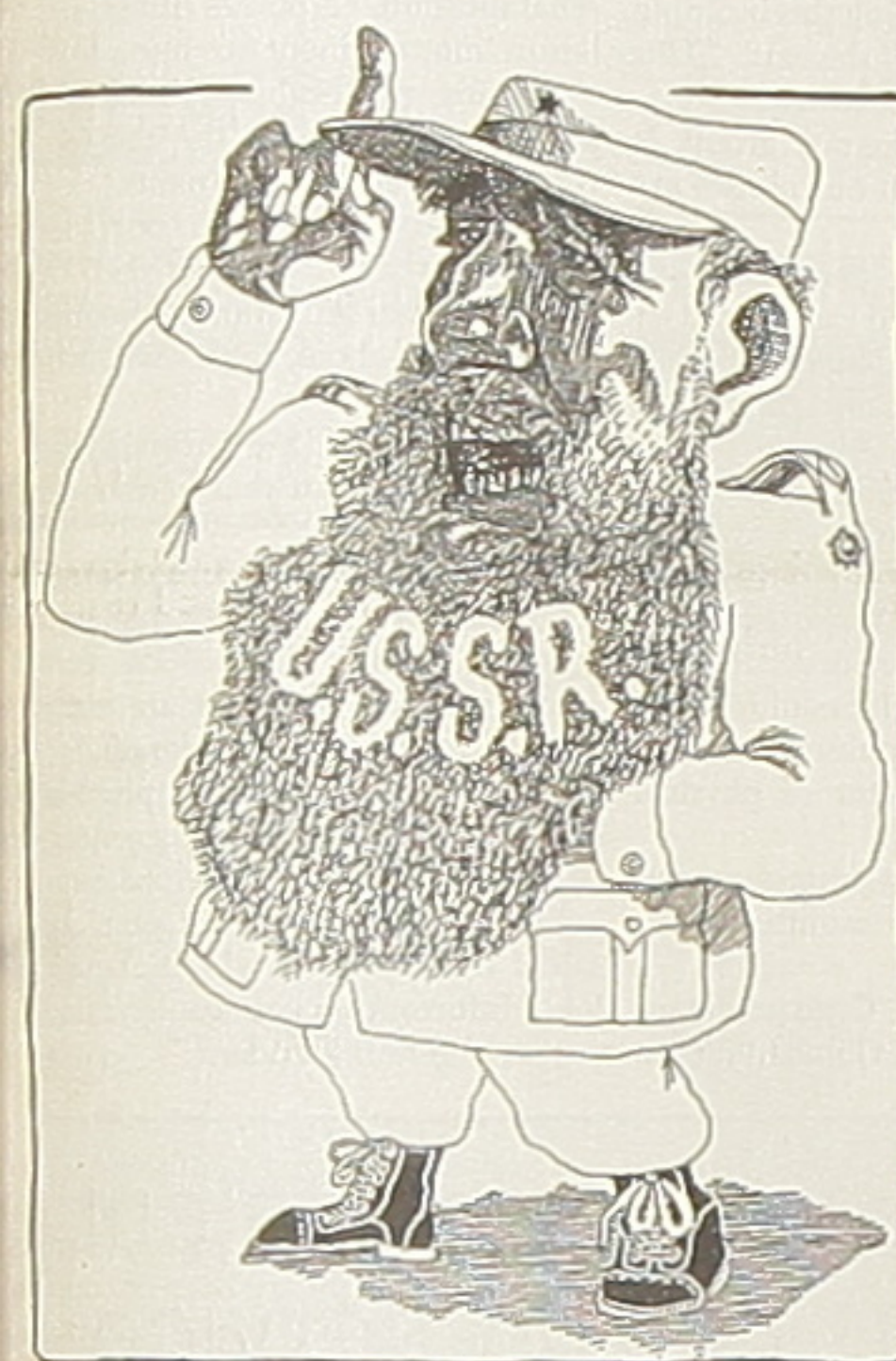
Aristide's friends, embarrassed, point out this is the sort of thing Haitians say. So, it seems, do others. The French ambassador, Jean-Raphael Dufour, observed: "Pere Lebrun is the Browning [pistol] of the poor." Dufour drew attention to the slaughter committed by the army during the coup. Hundreds were killed, at least 40 in one well-

documented massacre in the Lamentin slum. Local people say the army forced them to bury the corpses. The main hospital reported 399 casualties.

Some of Latin America's democracies, notably Venezuela and Argentina, were keen to make an example of the Haitian generals, as a warning to other military men who might dream of old-style coups. The Organization of American States keenly welcomed the decision of the United States not to recognize the new president, and to embargo trade with Haiti. There was talk of using the organization's untried

powers of military intervention.

Few expect quick action. Even Haiti's capital may be ungovernable. Nobody knows what is going on elsewhere in the country, with its 6.4 million people. By insisting that their coup was carried out in defense of the constitution, and according to the letter of the law, the new military rulers blurred the legal arguments against them. By publicizing the necklace story, they cast doubt on the moral standing of Haiti's lawful president. Perhaps the generals, despite everything, have gotten away with it.



Fidel Castro stays in control after USSR cuts off support

Cuban leader's fall not part of picture, says Spanish official

[Editor's note: Felipe Gonzalez, the Prime Minister of Spain, recently was interviewed at the Moncloa Palace in Madrid. Gonzalez expresses his view that Cuba can change peacefully with Fidel Castro still at the helm. The Cuban Communist Party has been holding an historically critical Congress to discuss peaceful changes in the system of government.]

By NATHAN GARDELS

LOS ANGELES TIMES SYNDICATE

Global Viewpoint: Now that the Soviet Union has collapsed, Cuba has lost its most important friend. Increasingly, as a consequence, it has looked to Europe, through Spain, for help. Could change be accelerated there by isolating Cuba, or will Spain bolster Fidel by pushing him to reform?

Felipe Gonzalez: Of course, we have never participated in the embargo against Cuba, even during Franco, for historical reasons, not ideological ones. Spain never has, and never will, participate in an embargo.

The right way to help Cuba is through dialogue and cooperation.

In Guadalajara, Mexico, where I met Fidel recently at the summit of Latin America presidents, I told him that the whole continent is engaged in the peaceful process of democratization. I said that all those alternative models that led to guerrilla warfare are no longer feasible, or possible. Therefore, I said, the solution lies

in economic integration and greater homogeneity of the Latin American nations. In particular, the conditions for prosperity lie in greater sub-regional integration. Cuba, I said to Fidel, should be a part of that trend toward democratization and an open economy.

GV: The current Cuban response to the Soviet cut-off, a Cambodian-type ruralization effort, is this the wrong direction to go?

FG: It is not the answer. It can't be. There is no alternative to integration and interdependence.

GV: Manuel Fraga, the president of Galicia (one of Spain's autonomous communities), is one of the few outsiders to have spent time with Fidel since the collapse of the Soviet Union. What was Fraga's perception?

FG: Fraga sent me a three-page note evaluating the situation. He was slightly hopeful.

Fraga could explain the process of democratization to Fidel very well because Fraga was a member of the Franco government when it decided not to join the embargo against Cuba.

Fraga has remained in political life from those days when Spain was authoritarian to the present, when it is democratic. He has survived and won elections in his region. So he is in a very good position to explain change to Castro.

GV: Are these the last days of Fidel?

FG: No. I won't make such a declaration. I don't believe in easy ways out of a situation. But I'll tell

you something Fidel said to me in Guadalajara: "History hasn't had its final say yet." And I agree.

GV: But these are the final days for the Cuban type of system?

FG: Cuba is part of the Caribbean basin, which is part of Latin America. This part of the world is engaged in a process of democratization. Cuba will, probably sooner rather than later, become a part of this process.

If I were to say any more I'd be endangering something I believe in: Keeping the door open for constructive dialogue.

GV: So you believe the system can change while Fidel remains?

FG: I believe that anything is possible. It is possible that the system will change from the top down, that the order for change will come from Fidel himself. After all, and I don't mean to establish a comparison at all, would we ever have to expect that the change in the Soviet Union would have come from Gorbachev? The sky is the limit with regard to models of political change. We've seen everything, from Jaruzelski to Pinochet.

Let us not forget the Spanish model of democratization through dialogue and in a peaceful atmosphere.

GV: Peaceful change, then, is possible in Cuba?

FG: The attitude of the majority of Cubans, in my personal view, favors transformation by peaceful means.

Internship leads to insight

'Nonverbals' more than classroom topic

By KATIE BUNTON PROCTOR
SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR

GLOBAL VIEWS

My dirty, over-worn skirt was definitely not my usual Sunday best, and my white tennis shoes were caked with ugly orange-brown mud from the early rain storm. I wished for blue jeans and a sweatshirt in the mountain-morning coldness, but didn't want to be seen as a prostitute by the locals for wearing them.

Rather than curling my hair and putting on make-up, I bathed in equatorial-strength sunscreen and donned my Meryl Streep straw hat. It was time to go to church.

I grabbed a pillow as I rushed out the door, worrying about the time as I always do. We were on our way to morning worship, as usual, but we weren't meeting in the hushed, plush church auditorium just ten minutes from home in Joplin. We had a three hour drive ahead of us on some of Kenya's best, yet still bumpy roads.

Sleeping on the trip was out of the question. Our pillows and jackets had been sacrificed to the camera equipment, to protect it from the jolts and jumps of the jeep. "Cramped conditions" doesn't quite describe the way we stuffed ourselves into the missionary's 4x4—even adding to our number as we picked up others along the way. Conversation was limited, since only the missionary could speak both English and Calenjin, so there was ample time to observe and think.

We got even more time for that when we arrived. What else can one do when listening for four hours to several speakers and songs in a foreign, uninterpreted language? The church we were attending, called Ol Bat, is the largest of 60 started by the missionary team working in the region. Slightly more than 100 Africans gathered under a gnarled and sprawling tree, the men on one side, the women and children on the other.

Shooting the necessary video and slides of the congregation, we (conspicuous, white-skinned creatures that we were) stayed out of the range of the camera, and therefore out of the shade of the "meeting tree" as well. We sat on some of the driest, rockiest red ground outside of Oklahoma to watch as more and more people trickled in. Some of them had walked miles, after doing morning chores that would put my usual day's work to shame. They came from all directions, dressed in their finest western-style clothing. What had seemed to me a rather shabby Sunday outfit when I dressed that morning suddenly seemed like

the clothes of a queen. Yet I was the one who was impressed that day.

It was impressive to witness the enthusiasm with which they praised God, with anyone starting a "story song" and all the others resounding the chorus. It was incredible to see the eagerness with which they welcomed speaker after speaker and the attentiveness of even the littlest children throughout the long service. It was humbling to be asked, as all honored guests are, to stand before them and speak. It was touching to be offered a "conga," a colorful multi-purpose cloth, by one of the women who didn't want me to get dirty by sitting on the ground. It was exciting to hear the joy and sincerity in their voices, even though I

with the others, I found out that the family had heard we were coming and prepared yet another "special meal." Chicken and rice (not the American kind) were served as we sat looking across the great Rift Valley and tolerating the licking of the scrawny, wandering cats.

Unable to understand a word of their conversation, certain that I would be sick any moment, and doubting we'd ever find the rest of our team, "communication" took on a whole new meaning for me. "Nonverbals" were more than just a classroom topic then, and we depended on them to get us back to our interpreter.

Undoubtedly, the chance to go to Africa and experience other cultures as part of my summer internship was incredible. Any words I could use to describe my first international experience would only be an understatement.

I feel certain that my husband

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—Katie Bunton Proctor, senior communications major

couldn't understand their words. And honestly, it was tiring to stretch my short little American attention span for that long.

Sunburnt and thirsty, I wished for a drink, or at least an excuse not to eat the mush-like "kimbiel" and hot spicy greens I knew would soon be served by the host family. As if in answer to my wish, we learned that our party must split, so that one of the two vehicles we had brought could transport the visiting evangelist from a distant tribe to a neighboring village. It seemed he needed to visit the family of a friend who had died recently, lest they hear that he had been in the area and be greatly offended at his not stopping to pay his respects.

Since taping was to continue during the lunch hour, neither the videographer nor the missionary could be spared to take the man. When the rest of us who could drive were consulted, I was the only one who knew how to drive a standard transmission truck—so off I was sent with three non-English speaking African men. They were in the back seat, with my new young husband and the stick shift to my left. We started down what the missionary said would be some of the worst roads in the area (which I would have called ditches), with the Africans pointing the way.

Glad when we arrived with the truck intact, and thankful I wasn't having to politely choke down lunch

and I still have not received the full impact of the trip, and that it will affect the rest of our lives in a variety of ways.

I couldn't hear the African say through an interpreter, "These white people, they all look alike!" and not laugh and think about the way I too sometimes stereotype those who are different from me.

I couldn't be left behind my team of male co-workers to babysit the missionary kids (because women guests might be an inconvenience or even offensive in certain places) without appreciating the equality and respect my sex enjoys in America. I couldn't visit all different parts of Kenya, enjoying its diversity and beauty, without longing a little bit for home and its familiarity.

I couldn't chase giraffe in a jeep and zebra in a helicopter, sit for hours on parched red ground beside Calenjin people who share the New Testament Christian faith that I cherish, and finally even come to long for a cup of the sugary, hot, milky "chai" tea (because I couldn't drink the water and couldn't find a Diet Pepsi) without crashing into stark contrasts and melting into subtle similarities of different worlds.

It was a rare, treasured opportunity to have my eyes pruned open to the ways other people live. I saw a fragment of what they need, what I can learn from them, and what I can do to help people—there or here.

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City leaders will gather for the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at 6:30 a.m. in the BSC.

Norwest Financial will interview business majors for credit manager/management trainee positions from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in BSC Room 207.

LDSSA will meet at noon in Room 313 of the BSC.

ECM will gather from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Room 306 of the BSC.

The Bicycle Club will meet from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

Yearbook group photos will be taken from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. by the BSC Keystone Room.

25 TOMORROW

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes gathers from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. in BSC Room 313.

A 30-minute football pep rally begins at 11:45 a.m. on the campus oval.

Southern Concepts will meet at noon in BSC Room 311.

Group photos for the yearbook will be taken from noon to 5 p.m. by the Keystone Room of the BSC.

There will be a Board of Regents meeting at 1 p.m. in BSC Room 314.

26 SATURDAY

The football Lions challenge Pittsburg State University at 7 p.m. in Hughes Stadium.

The soccer Lions face off against the University of Southern Indiana at 7 p.m. in Evansville, Ind.

27 SUNDAY

The soccer Lions meet Kentucky Wesleyan College at 1 p.m. in Owensboro, Ky.

Kappa Alpha will hold a meeting from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Room 313 of the BSC.

28 MONDAY

"Silence of the Lambs" will be shown at 7 p.m. today and tomorrow at the Biology Pond. A contest for the most original costume will be held.

29 TUESDAY

The lunch for the Baptist Student Union will be from 11 a.m. to noon in BSC Room 311.

The Newman Club gathers from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 306 of the BSC.

LDSSA will meet from noon to 1 p.m. in BSC Room 313.

The College Republicans will meet from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. in BSC Room 311.

The academic policies committee will meet with NCATE at 3 p.m. in Taylor Hall Room 111.

Jean Blackwood will discuss animal liberation at a Philosophy Club meeting at 3 p.m. in BSC Room 313.

Koinonia meets at 7 p.m. at the College Heights Christian Church.

The Lady Lions' volleyball team will play at Pittsburg State University at 7 p.m.

30 WEDNESDAY

The Baptist Student Union will meet from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

The CAB will gather from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 313 of the BSC.

The soccer Lions entertain Drury College at 3:30 p.m. on the soccer field.

The Student Senate meets at 3:30 p.m. in BSC Room 310.

SAs prepare South Hall as Halloween haven
Project to offer safety to children

By P.J. GRAHAM
CAMPUS EDITOR

Halloween may be an ordeal for parents concerned about their children's safety, but trick-or-treaters in South Hall will have nothing to worry about.

The Residence Hall Association will be sponsoring a "safe Halloween off the streets" from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31 in South Hall for children 13 and under.

The lack of safety for children going trick-or-treating in recent years is the motivation behind this event.

"When we were children it wasn't a big deal to trick-or-treat," said

Jami Bruton, staff assistant (SA) and one of the event's coordinators. "We thought this was something the kids could benefit from."

All children attending must have an adult escort. Since men are not allowed unescorted through South Hall, escorts will be present to take children through who are accompanied by an adult male.

According to Bruton, students living in South Hall have responded well to the idea.

"Almost everyone is participating," she said. "The girls who signed up are responsible for candy. What we asked them to do was to decorate their doors."

"We are hoping they will also be in costume."

Deb Gipson, resident director, believes the event will have a positive turnout.

"I'm really excited," she said. "I've heard a lot of good things [about the event]. We have more than 90 percent of the rooms in South Hall participating."

RHA will try to have food for children on special diets and refreshments for the adults.

The lobby of South Hall will be decorated for the night, and Bruton's room will serve as a fortune teller's tent. She will portray the part by reading the children's palms.

Staff assistants have to complete one service project per semester.

Bruton said she and two other SAs, David Stretch, sophomore art major; and Stacy Brown, junior pre-physical therapy major, have been working on the project for about six weeks.

Gipson, who must approve all staff assistant projects, said there is a difference in this project.

"With the enthusiasm put behind it by the people who are working on it," she said, "I liked it."

According to Gipson, this project falls into the normal realm of SA projects.

"We've usually tried to do something that is educationally oriented or community oriented," she said.

Past projects have included martial arts, rape and suicide seminars, and a scavenger hunt.

Bruton said the group favored the event because it reaches beyond the College.

"It involves the community as well as the campus," she said.

The trio decided to use South Hall for several reasons.

"Since this is a new project, Bruton said, "we want to keep it handle on it. And the girls are really excited about it."

Bruton said with South Hall having only two stories and the rooms being accessible from the inside of the building, it will be easier to regulate than other residence halls.

If the event does well, Bruton said the RHA would like to make it an annual project.

ZETA TRASH BASH



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Zeta Tau Alpha members Melinda Dunaway, junior criminal justice major, and Missy Thompson, senior education major, picked up trash on Newman Road Sunday afternoon. The sorority adopted a one-mile stretch of Newman Road in front of Missouri Southern as part of the state's Adopt-A-Highway program.

Services not only for students

Getting prepared for a professional job is one thing two campus services can help students deal with.

Missouri Southern offers students Bag-A-Career and interviews with businesses.

Nancy Disharoon, director of career planning and placement, said students take fairly good advantage of the Bag-A-Career seminars.

"We'd like to see everyone participate," she said. "But because of what it is and because it is voluntary, we don't expect the turnout to be tremendous."

"We feel pretty good about the number of people who do get involved with it."

For Bag-A-Career, business representatives present informational sessions about career opportunities and what would be expected of students applying at businesses.

Disharoon said there are approx-

imately 10 of these held on campus each year. She believes the sessions are not wasted by the student body.

"Students take advantage of the Bag-A-Career program fairly well," she said. "I think Bag-A-Career is very valuable for people who are interested."

The other service, interviews with businesses, are generally for seniors seeking a full-time, post-graduation job. Approximately 30-40 businesses and corporations take advantage of having a whole day to interview Southern students.

Norwest Financial, which will be conducting interviews with business majors for credit manager/management trainee positions from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow, is one of these businesses. Carl McConnell, branch manager at Norwest, said the company has hired several Southern students from these interviews.

He said the interviews at Southern

and other colleges are an important part of his company's recruiting process.

"That's how we get most of our employees," he said.

McConnell said the interviews are helpful for him.

"It's nice for me because it's hard to dedicate the large amount of time [needed to interview]," he said. "I like it because I can go in there for the whole day with nothing to do but recruit."

Disharoon suggests that anyone interested in the interviews should sign up at least two weeks in advance.

"We have full schedules and waiting lists," she said. "[It is] first come, first served."

There is no sign-up for the Bag-A-Career sessions. Anyone interested in either program may contact the career planning and placement office in Room 207 of the Billingsly Student Center or at 625-9343.

MSTV to air Proposition B forum

Call-ins welcome on show Monday

By P.J. GRAHAM
CAMPUS EDITOR

Giving the public another opportunity to be informed about the upcoming vote on Proposition B is the focus for Missouri Southern Television next week.

MSTV will air a live call-in format program Monday night. The program, hosted by Judy Stiles, will allow the public to call in and ask a guest panel questions about Proposition B, an educational funding package on the Nov. 5 ballot.

"I think it will give them [the public] an opportunity to find out more in-depth on the issue than they would normally find on broadcast

media," said Stiles, MSTV community service director. "The public will be able to find out some answers to questions they may have."

Panelists for the program will include College President Julio Leon; Gene Amberg, acting superintendent of Joplin R-S schools; and Joel Denney, deputy commissioner of elementary and secondary education.

Robert Lamb, president of Empire District Electric Company, also will be on the program. Though Lamb is not working in education, Stiles said he will be a valuable part of the program.

"He's a local business man," she said. "He will be representing the business side."

Stiles said Lamb will show how businesses and students looking for jobs may be affected by Proposition B.

Tuesday, MSTV aired an interview with Leon covering the cost and benefits of Proposition B on KOZJ-TV Channel 26 (the program also aired last night on MSTV Channel 18 and K57DR-TV UHF Channel 57). Before Tuesday, MSTV had not aired any programs concerning Proposition B.

"We've had a number of education programs," Stiles said, "but nothing specifically about Proposition B."

The hour-long call-in program will air at 7 p.m. Monday on MSTV and will be replayed at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Stiles said MSTV usually finds the call-in format successful.

"From the past public forums we've had a good response," she said. "We've had trouble getting in all the questions in an hour."

Image change is club's main goal

By LESLIE KARR
STAFF WRITER

Changing the image of physical education majors is one of the main reasons Pat Lipira formed the Physical Education Majors (PEM) Club last year.

"We felt like our image in this building is athletics," said Lipira, assistant professor of physical education, "like all we were doing is playing games. Physical education is not all athletics. We felt our image was not good and the club would help."

According to Lipira, not all physical education majors are involved in intercollegiate athletics.

"Many people think this building is just for athletics," she said. "This is not true. Physical education majors are a whole separate group. It just so happens that our classes are in this building."

"It's discouraging. I coach softball and teach physical education, and it's nothing alike. The old 'dumb jock' image has gotten pushed through to PEM Club."

"Hopefully, through this club, we will banish this."

The club's 38 members are under the supervision of Lipira, currently on sabbatical leave in order to work on her doctorate in kinesiology. Acting as adviser in her absence is Marty Conklin, instructor of physical education.

The club holds impromptu meetings at least once a month and attends other events.

Today, the PEM Club will tour the Sports Medicine Clinic in Joplin.

Conklin said touring the facility will be especially beneficial.

"Three of the people involved in the Sports Medicine Clinic are Southern graduates," Conklin said. "It gives us a chance to see where our kids are and talk to students who have made it."

The PEM Club has also scheduled guest speakers in order to learn new trends and where the job market are. Members will attend a state convention Oct. 31 through Nov. 2 to see the broadness of their field.

"There are so many areas they can branch off to," Lipira said. "They need to be aware there are many things they can go into: cardiac rehabilitation, corporate fitness, leisure management are just a few."

Making professional contacts another way attending the state convention benefits participants.

"Attending will help our kids make networks," Conklin said. "A number of our kids want to go to graduate school, so this will be them also."

He said the club's membership increased since last year and should continue to grow.

"We are a new club in the infancy stage, but we are making good progress," Conklin said. "Our group is made, and they are ready. It should really take off."

Chad Williams, junior physical education major, said being a member of PEM Club has helped him.

"I liked being in it last year," said. "It helps you find out about a lot of information you wouldn't find out as a general student."

Art League uses talent to start design service
Group creates T-shirts, posters for a profit

By P.J. GRAHAM
CAMPUS EDITOR

Making money while using its skills is the reason behind the Art League offering design services.

The club's president, Scott Gladden, sophomore graphic art/art education major, said offering the services to the campus and community "is a way to use our talent and to make money."

The services include designing T-shirts, posters, logos, and any kind of signage. One of the club's sponsors, Val Christensen, assistant professor of art, said the experience will be good for the group if it gets a positive response from people asking for the service.

"We're just trying to determine if there is a need out there for this," he said. "From the standpoint of the Art League, hopefully it would employ skills and hone skills."

The basic rate will be \$10 to

\$15, though prices will vary.

"It's dependent on the complexity of the design," Christensen said, "and how much they would want us to do."

The group decided to use the service as a fund-raiser. However, since public response has not been favorable, the project may be scuttled.

If the group starts to get a response, it hopes to use the money earned for a trip to Chicago. Christensen said Chicago is the second-largest art center in the United States and that the trip would be appropriate because gaining exposure to the arts is one of the club's goals.

"Some of the things we've been doing is to bring students closer to art by bringing them to art institutions and educational institutions," Christensen said.

Anyone interested in the design service may contact Gladden at 673-1187.



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Tulsa Ballet Theatre performs "The Nutcracker;" presented by Joplin Little Theatre; 7:30 p.m. Dec. 13-14; Taylor Auditorium; Tickets on sale now at Ernie Williamson Music in Joplin and Pittsburg, and JLT office

JOPLIN

Foreigner live in concert: presented by the new Z102.5 and KSNF-TV; 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2; Memorial Hall

Country music star Reba McEntire: with special guest Restless Heart" for two shows; 5 and 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30; Memorial Hall; Tickets: \$18.50, available now at Memorial Hall and all Joplin Jaycee ticket outlets

Third annual United Way Monster Mash: 6:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Saturday; Hammons Trade Center; Tickets: \$7.50 at United Way office and other outlets; must be 21 to attend

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"To Kill a Mockingbird:" through Sunday; Springfield Little Theatre; 417-869-1334

Kenny Rogers: with special guests Eddie Rabbitt and Matraca Berg; 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9; Hammons Trade Center; tickets: \$18.50; 417-836-5774

Springfield Ballet presents Martha Graham Ensemble: 8 p.m. Nov. 15-16; Landers Theatre; 417-862-1343

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George Strait in concert: Saturday, Nov. 2; Tulsa Convention Center; 918-596-7177

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Bob Dylan: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1 at Midland Theater; 816-931-3330

Silent Film Classic Phantom of the Opera: 3 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Monday; Granda Theatre; 816-421-7177

Peter, Paul & Mary: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9 at Midland Theater; 816-931-3330

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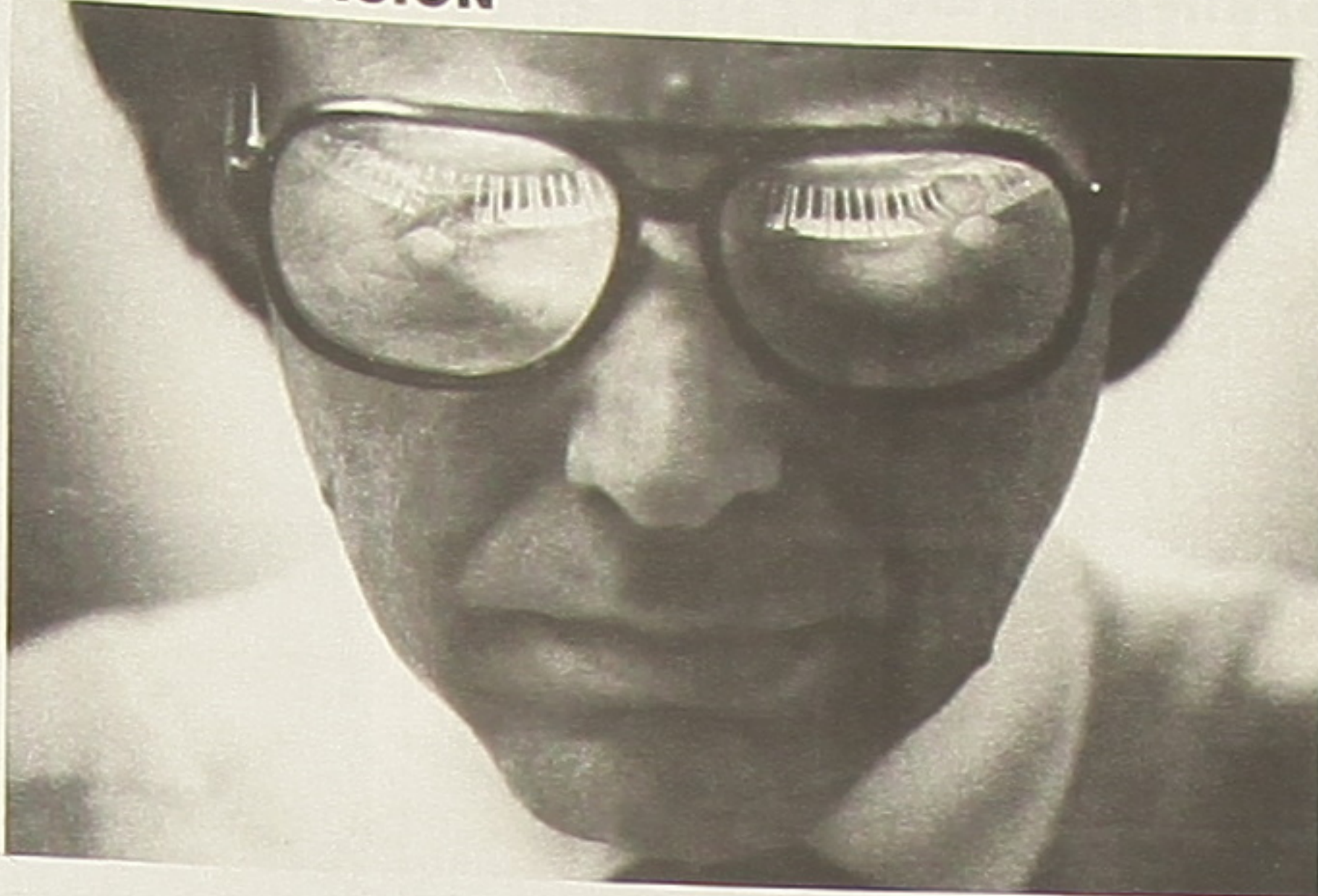
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"Buddy:" The Buddy Holly story; through Sunday; The Lumby; \$12-\$33

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Award-winning star Randy Travis: with special guest Alan Jackson; Nov. 23; Fox Theatre; 314-652-5000

MUSICAL VISION



Martin Berkofsky, artist in residence, will give a recital at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Taylor Auditorium.

CHRIS COX/The Chart

Artist performed on TV at age 8

By DENNY KIRKPATRICK
CHART REPORTER

To some music is just a hobby, but for Martin Berkofsky it is his life.

"When I sit down to a piano, there is always something new to discover," Berkofsky said. "Music is a mystery."

His piano studies began at the age of 6. Two years later he performed on Washington, D.C. television.

"There was always a piano in the house," Berkofsky said, "and always some kind of music being played."

By the age of 14, he was giving private lessons. He knew then that he wanted to teach piano someday.

At 18 he received a full scholarship to enter the Peabody Conservatory as a full-time student of Konrad Wolff, a German composer. In 1967 Berkofsky received a Fulbright Grant to study in Vienna.

His studies only lasted a short time. He was not learning anything new, so after two months he dropped out of school and used the rest of his grant money to buy a motorcycle and sleeping bag.

After traveling for a while, he met Hans Kann, a private instructor in Vienna. Kann taught Berkofsky the technical side of piano playing, how each muscle in a person's arm was used to play the piano.

Since then, Berkofsky has toured

the United States, Europe, the Middle East, and Scandinavia. In May he performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

"After 13 years out of the country, it is a pleasure to get two feet back on the ground," he said.

He was director of advanced piano studies at the State Conservatory of Music in Izmir, Turkey when the Persian Gulf war broke out. Berkofsky, who came to the United States for safety, looked at his choices for jobs and took this one.

Sending messages over short-wave radio to talk to different people across the world is the way Berkofsky likes to spend his spare time. He started this hobby when he was 14.

PLAYING ROUGH



Scott Bakula plays Paul Blake and Kathy Ireland portrays Lucy Draper, two members of a team of unconventional college athletes. "Necessary Roughness" is now playing at the Joplin Mall 5 theatre.

Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures

'Roughness' won't win Oscar, but it's good for some laughs

By P.J. GRAHAM
CAMPUS EDITOR

If cheesy comedy is an advantage in the movie industry, *Necessary Roughness* should be a box-office hit.

The movie, starring Scott Bakula of *Quantum Leap* fame, presents an interesting and somewhat unutilized idea for comedy, but plainly underdevelops the story and characters.

The story line begins with Texas State University's champion football team, the Armadillos, being dismissed after found to be corrupt beyond any hope of rescue. The college then is left to put together another football team in time for the upcoming season.

Bakula's character, 34-year-old cowboy Paul Blake, is a past high school football champ who is called by an Armadillo coach to come back to college and play as the team's new quarterback. Bakula aches his way through a season which looks like a no-win situation.

This film takes little time to get the crowd laughing, but it does not do it with spectacular acting or a flowing plot. Actually, *Roughness* seriously lacks in these areas.

Another familiar face in the film is Sinbad (*A Different World*), who plays a chemistry professor/fill-in football player. However, he falls a little short of the term "actor." Though funny, Sinbad comes across more like a stand-up comic.

There are a few better-known personalities in *Roughness*, such as Jason Bateman (*The Hogan Family*), but they really do not contribute greatly to the movie. The movie's writing team, Rick Natkin and David Fuller, came up with some interesting ideas for unorthodox football players, including a Samurai lineman, a military-minded fullback, and a wide receiver who cannot catch.

Another character to look for is the radio sports announcer, played by Rob Scheider, perhaps better known as *Saturday Night Live*'s "Rich-meister." This interesting guy, never seen away from the mike, proves to be one of the better secondary actors by providing some of the best laugh-spots in the entire movie.

Actually, the writing of the laugh lines is the key to the movie's comedy. One-liners fill the scenes, partially making up for everything the film is lacking.

Another problem is the development in *Roughness* plot. One example is Blake's love interest in his journalism professor, Suzanne.

She and Blake, although they barely know each other, go for a walk one night. They walk out the door and the next time the two characters are seen together, it looks as if they have been a serious item for quite some time. This is just one example of *Roughness*' lack of flow or transitions.

Despite these flaws, the movie makes an impression with its quipping lines and the action in the football scenes.

The director of *Roughness*, Stan Dragoti, mostly avoids the usual Hollywood gimmicks. At one point in the story it looks as if the film will turn in the direction of gimmicks, when the coaches bring a girl on the team, but Dragoti handles the situation well.

The kicker Lucy, played by model Kathy Ireland, is recruited from the girl's soccer team. Instead of playing up Ireland's character to get attention from male viewers, her character is kept reasonably low-key and she actually gets knocked around on the field like the other players.

Necessary Roughness has no claim to an Oscar. However, with its light comedy and the way it steers clear of any stressful or dramatic scenes, it fills the bill for those looking for a light-hearted movie and a few—or many—laughs.

Photospiva '91 opens Sunday

1990 winner repeats

By BETH STAGGS
STAFF WRITER

Spiva Art Center is presenting its 15th annual Photospiva exhibit, to run Sunday through Nov. 24.

Photospiva '91 is a national fine arts competition open to any photographer in the United States or its territories. It is funded by the Missouri Arts Council.

"I think that it is important to have more than just local photographers. It brings a wider range into the area," said Val Christensen, director of the center.

Christensen said the competition received approximately 780 entries from 209 photographers in 38 states.

Any photographic process is eligible as long as it is original work and has not been previously exhibited at the Spiva Art Center. There is a limit of up to four entries per person.

The annual exhibit started 14 years ago following the establishment of photography as a fine art medium. Photography has grown through the years in both school classes and in everyday life, accord-

ing to Christensen. This caused interest in a competitive sense for the art.

Christensen said Spiva's competition is of high quality.

"One always hates to deviate from tradition," he said. "We have always had a competition of very high caliber and numerous responses from across the nation."

Different people enter the contest annually, but Christensen said there are always a few artists who compete every year. The winner of last year's competition, Dennis Darling, has taken first-place honors this year as well.

Sally Gall, a New York photographer, served as judge for the competition. She has done some freelance work for a few national publications, including *Esquire* magazine.

Gall determined not only the winners, but also which photos would be exhibited, during her visit to the College on Oct. 11-13. Christensen selects a different judge each year.

"The photographs picked have some function in our society shown," he said, "either a means of communication, documentation, or image making."

What Gall looked for, he said, is

the way that the photographic image relates to the aesthetic statement of the picture. According to Christensen, viewing the exhibit provokes a lot of controversy. He said it is the impression of one individual's judgment, and you cannot label that opinion right or wrong.

"The individuals' judgment may differ, but that is what makes that exhibition interesting," Christensen said.

The winners of the Photospiva '91 competition are: first place, Dennis Darling, Austin, Texas; second place, Todd Hido, Cambridge, Mass.; third place, Ginny R. Lee, Springfield, Ill.; Neal Polallis, Springfield, Mo.; Joan Rosentstein, Bethesda, Md.; and Jeff Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio. Honorable mentions went to John Bansiak, Vermilion, S.D.; James Mitchell Clark, Clarinville, Ill.; Karl R. Johnson, Superior, Wis.; Charles Luce, Hoboken, N.J.; and Bruce West, Springfield, Mo.

The exhibit will open at 2 p.m. Sunday in the gallery of Spiva Art Center. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Sundays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is free.

SMSU provides test for 5 young debaters

By DAWN ADAMSON
STAFF WRITER

Five debaters from Missouri Southern traveled to Southwest Missouri State University last weekend for an individual events tournament.

"I'm very pleased," said Brooks Haynie, interim debate coach. "Everyone who went to this tournament were freshmen and, of course, they were competing with sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have competed before."

Nick Hays, freshman undecided, and Curt Gilstrap, freshman marketing major, competed in both impromptu speaking and duo interpretation. Kimberly Lawry, freshman history major, entered in poetry interpretation and dramatic interpretation.

"I was on my high school team," Lawry said. "I was expecting that it would be a lot more difficult, but actually it's not."

Amy Coffey, freshman political

science major, and Shannon Lightfoot, freshman English major, competed in poetry interpretation and prose interpretation. Coffey also was entered in dramatic interpretation.

Though the five did not place in the final competition, Haynie thinks they did well.

"He (Hays) missed breaking impromptu by one point," Haynie said. "Other people got in the fair to middle range, sort of caught in the middle."

Haynie believes his students are improving.

"I think that they're working more effectively now," he said. "I'm pleased with some of the progress that we've made, but at the same time I can freely say that we have a lot more we need to do."

Southern will compete in individual events and regular debate Nov. 8-10 at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Toy store ready to open doors

Construction continues on site

By SUSAN HOSKINS
STAFF WRITER

Joplin's economic and employment picture should brighten with the construction of the North Point Center.

North Point, located at the corner of Seventh Street and Range Line, eventually will offer 190,000 square feet of business space.

According to David Meyers, marketing representative for Woodmont Inc., the idea to build a shopping center there was conceived nearly two years ago, but interest from a possible tenant helped move the project along.

"Toys-R-Us actually came to us and showed interest in the proposed site and wanted us to put it together," he said. "The corner of Seventh and Range Line really made sense as a possible location for us and them."

Meyers said the downfall of the Elms Center, the shopping center built on the North Point site in 1965, involved two factors.

"It didn't have access traveling eastbound on Seventh Street," he said. "The configuration of the shopping center and the tenant mix also caused it to fail."

According to Meyers, improvements have been made to the site to correct these problems.

"People traveling eastbound on Seventh will have full access to the center," he said. "The viaduct has been brought down to ground level, and it makes it more visible to people driving by."

Meyers believes the combination of tenants the center will have will be a drawing card for the Joplin area.

"The shopping center will really be a regional draw; it is what we call a power center, which has two or more acre tenants and the majority of the shopping center is anchor

space," he said. "We will draw people anywhere from 40-50 miles from the west, south, and north."

According to Meyers, the center will not affect business at the Northpark Mall.

"I don't think the center will hurt the mall; I think it will draw attention to the mall," he said. "Likewise, the mall will draw attention to us. It is going to make Joplin a more regional retail hub. It will also bring more tax dollars to the city."

Along with Toys-R-Us, North Point will include Phar-mor, now under construction and expected to be completed early next spring. Other stores include Pier 1 Imports and Ryan's Family Restaurant. Meyers is also working on several deals with national and local retailers.

Toys-R-Us, the first store scheduled to open, will do so within two weeks. According to Joyce Chistensen, director for Toys-R-Us, the company has great expectations for the store.

"They didn't downsize the store," she said. "They built it on the same scale and with the same amount of product as some of the larger stores in Kansas City. It should average the same amount of business as other stores our size."

Along with toys, the store offers baby supplies, food, school supplies, furniture, and clothing. The company has more than 450 stores worldwide with locations in Germany, Japan, and South Africa.

Chistensen believes North Point Center offers much potential.

"When you first come to Joplin, you can see that Range Line is the part of Joplin that is growing the most," she said. "Seventh is the street that connects old Joplin with new Joplin. This has excellent access off Range Line, Fourth, and Seventh streets. It is going to be an easy access mall and a very nice looking one, too."

STRIP CENTER



The Crossroads Center at the intersection of Fourth and Range Line is only one example of a small neighborhood strip center in Joplin. Jim Krudwig, director of the Small Business Development Center at Southern, said occupancy levels for strip centers in Joplin are good.

Strip shopping centers satisfy retail need

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Up and down Range Line and Maiden Lane and scattered in other areas of Joplin, strip shopping centers beckon shoppers to stop.

The strip center comes in many shapes, sizes, and styles. Tom Berger, consultant and property manager of the Sears Center, said the term "strip center" comes from it being a strip of businesses.

"A strip center is a center that faces outside and has no central court," Berger said. "The concept is to provide convenience and to fill a retail need."

Two basic types of centers exist. "The neighborhood center ranges from 12,000-40,000 square feet and

caters to the small area surrounding it," he said. "It usually has boutiques and small convenience-type stores."

"The community center has at least one or maybe two larger stores. It's a place where shoppers stop every week, and usually ranges from 60,000-150,000 square feet."

Berger said a third type of center, the power strip, basically is an extension of the community center.

"It is a large center with three, four, or even five large stores mixed in with the smaller stores," he said. "These centers fill the gap between the community center and the malls."

Although Joplin has a number of strip centers scattered around town, Jim Krudwig, director of the Small Business Development Center at Missouri Southern, said the market is healthy.

"The occupancy rate is relatively high," he said. "I would estimate that we probably have a 5 to 7 percent vacancy rate in strip centers."

Berger said while some areas of Joplin might look overloaded with strip centers, some areas are not well served.

"There really are not a lot of strip centers in Joplin," he said. "Certain areas, such as the southeast part of Joplin and the Seventh and Maiden Lane area, have a lot of smaller strip centers."

"But other areas, like southwest Joplin, have a need for more centers."

He said the completion of the North Point Center at Seventh and Range Line will affect the market.

"A year from now," Krudwig said, "we have 180,000-square feet of retail space coming on line at North

Point, so it may be a different game then. I still say there is a market right now. However, additional strip centers after that will be somewhat cautious."

Low rental rates contribute to the popularity of the centers.

"Strip center [rental] rates run anywhere from \$8 to \$12 square foot per year as compared to mall rates which are roughly \$15 per square foot," Krudwig said. "Lower rental rates is one reason people look at local strip centers."

Location and access also play a role in a strip center's success.

"It's nice to be at an intersection where people have to stop or slow down," Krudwig said. "If people can go into a store and not have to walk very far, it makes it

Sentinel program trains first volunteers

Two Southern students, one faculty to help police after training period

By LESLIE KARR
STAFF WRITER

Sentinel, the citizen program established to assist the Joplin Police Department, is training its first crop of volunteers.

Sixteen members, including two Missouri Southern students and one faculty member, currently are in the training phase. Their training began Oct. 2 and will continue until Dec. 15. This includes learning rules and regulations of fieldwork. Sessions are held twice a week for three hours per night.

The JPD will be looking for more volunteers after the first training period is completed. According to Lt. Dale Owen, when the operation is in full swing the department will have 50 trained volunteer members.

"We are keeping the classes small because the training is mostly hands-on," Owen said. "This way, the

volunteers will be better trained."

Owen said in order to be accepted into the program, Sentinel members were required to go through an extensive application program and record checks to assure they were upstanding citizens.

As volunteers of the program, members will be called upon to direct traffic at major accidents, assist motorists, conduct vacation home-checks, check abandoned vehicles, take reports along with some clerical work, and perform various other duties.

"We see, at the present time, 20 percent of our officers' time spent on these activities," Owen said. "By getting people to take over these duties, it frees officers to do investigations."

"In the long run I feel it will be like adding new officers because it will help us tremendously."

Sentinel volunteers are required to work at least four hours per week on

call and may work as much as they would like.

"A lot of calls are from people who don't know who else to call," said Steve Johnson, junior criminal justice major. "As someone in Sentinel, I'll have a chance to help out."

According to Owen, only one other program has been found similar to Sentinel. That program is located in Beaver Creek, Ohio. The JPD is developing its program while observing what has been happening there.

Johnson is enthusiastic about the program.

"What's good about it is before there had never been anything between the cops and citizens," he said. "Now, the Sentinel members are between. It can be used as a tool to let other citizens become more knowledgeable."

Currently, Joplin police are waiting to hear from Missouri Attorney General William Webster concerning whether Sentinel will become a statewide program.

"The attorney general has been on several weeks of travel, so we haven't heard from him as yet, but in the Governor's Crime Commission at Southern he sounded very enthusiastic," Owen said. "Soon we will be getting in touch with him to discuss the program."

Brad Black, sophomore criminal justice major, said his involvement will help him.

"I applied to the Sentinel program because I wanted to get some hands-on experience," he said.

Entering the Sentinel program was an extension to the interest Dr. Jan Dursky, associate professor in the College's Learning Center, gained in the Citizen's Academy.

"I think it'll help the community," Dursky said. "I feel there are a lot of things police officers are called to do that really aren't necessary because voluntary groups can handle them, and that way the police officers have more time to spend with protecting the public and fighting crime."

Nuisance officer takes 4,000 complaints in '91

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Larry Crowell, nuisance officer for the city of Joplin, handled 4,000 complaints in the past year involving such things as weeds, trash, and abandoned vehicles and appliances.

"It's a tremendous amount of work," Crowell said. "It's getting bigger all the time. Trash is becoming one of the biggest problems Joplin faces."

Crowell said groups such as the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce's community enhancement committee are concerned with litter thrown on public property.

"I don't have a whole lot to do with that," he said. "Of course, if I [see someone littering] I try to get their license number but I deal mostly with nuisances that affect private property."

In addition to complaints phoned in by residents, Crowell said he discovers some problems on his own.

"Every time I make a call I make a scan of the area for more problems," he said. "It actually ends up I process more complaints that I pick up on my own than are called in."

Crowell said after he investigates the site of the complaint and iden-

tifies the property owners, he mails a notice giving the owner 10 days to fix the problem.

"After the 10 days there is the possibility we will cite the people in municipal court if the violation is not abated," he said.

Crowell works with people who make an effort to fix the problem.

"Usually I'll give them a few days extra," he said. "As long as they try, we work with them. We don't just go out and beat them in the head with a ball bat."

Crowell handles almost all of this caseload alone.

"I will have summer help; this year, I had a girl [helping] for 60 days," he said. "They usually help with the bookwork. It's easier to train them to do the bookwork than it is to train them in fieldwork."

Crowell admits the job is getting too big for one person to handle.

"I can always use some help," he said. "Our city is developing and growing more and more in square miles."

The chance of Crowell getting any help soon is remote, according to Leonard Martin, Joplin city manager.

"It always comes down to money," Martin said. "We've talked about it on several occasions and never have been able to find the money."

Museum preserves Joplin's early days

By DAWN ADAMSON
STAFF WRITER

Joplin's history is being preserved for future generations in the Dorothea B. Hoover Museum.

The museum is named after the first president of the Joplin Historical Society.

"She was extremely instrumental in seeing the establishment of a Joplin museum," Brad Belk, museum director, said. "It is from outgrowth of the Joplin Historical Society that the museum is in existence today."

The Hoover Museum's purpose is to preserve Joplin history and provide an educational institution to help answer questions on Joplin's past, he said.

The museum features several exhibits, including a photo display of Joplin's earlier days and a miniature Ringling Brothers/Barnum and Bailey Circus.

An addition in 1990 made a difference to the museum. The addition has given the museum more storage space which was greatly needed.

"It has changed a little bit in the sense that with the new addition we have created an area of flexibility," said Belk. "Like today, the museum is open to the public, but we are having a genealogy workshop at the same time. Without the new addition, we could never have done that."

Belk said the museum is expected to have had 15,000 visitors by the end of this year. That total would include total visitation of

museum displays and meeting room facilities.

The Hoover Museum is part of the internship program for Missouri Southern's history department. The history department has offered the internship program, placing students with the community, for 10 years.

"We've had about 40 interns over those 10 years," said Dr. Holman, associate professor of history. "We don't push the interns. We want people who are interested."

Currently, there are no students interning.

"We don't have a lot of majors to begin with, so we have a limited crowd to draw from," Holman said.

The internships are worth it-hours as independent courses.

Among other objectives, hoped that by getting involved with the program, students gain hands-on experience techniques used in design, exhibit, discover job opportunities and learn to work well with the public.

The internships require students to keep a log of duties performed. The interns report their academic supervisor their activities.

Supplemental reading assignments are required, and generally, a paper must be written with a critique of the experience. The intern is expected to work eight hours per week at his assigned position.

WHAT A NUISANCE



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Larry Crowell is the only nuisance officer in Joplin city government. He has handled more than 4,000 complaints to date in 1991.

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READY TO RESPOND



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Rod Surber, news bureau manager, prepares to answer a call. While his position at Southern is new to him, journalism is not.

Surber puts media experience to work

By TIMOTHY BURRELL

CHART REPORTER

Grave robbery was a common occurrence until Rod Surber helped put an end to it. "I did my best," he said. "I wrote an article for the Rochelle, Ill., newspaper. The article talked about how grave robbery was happening and the conflicts it caused."

Surber, news bureau manager at Missouri Southern, wrote his article in 1988. A year later, the Illinois legislature passed the Grave Robbery Law.

The law stated that no grave could be tampered or dug up without a court order. Also, no property could be sold that's a grave site.

"Grave robbery needed to be stopped, and I'm glad I could do something to help end it," he said.

Surber came to Southern in June from Rochelle, Ill., where he served as managing editor of a tri-weekly newspaper for three and a half years. He was managing editor of a community newspaper in Chariton, Iowa, for nearly seven years.

He attended Central Bible Col-

lege in Springfield from 1977-78 and graduated from Iowa State University in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in journalism and a teaching certificate on the secondary level.

Surber said he has "a wonderful family" in his wife, RaeAnn, who has operated a home day-care center for the last 10 years; and children Ashley, 7; and Austin, 8.

He enjoys many things, including reading, swimming, and water skiing. Surber, who also likes basketball, played on the junior varsity team at CBC.

He has never traveled outside the United States but has been to the Rocky Mountains and has camped in Wyoming and Colorado with his family.

Mark Twain and Edward R. Murrow are two authors that Surber admires. He said he loves reading their material because it inspires him when he is writing.

He wants students at Southern to "dare to be great" and take on all opportunities available. He also wants to do everything in his power to help the College grow in the field of communications.

No more 'wet pants' for secretary

Rieman makes atmosphere switch from public schools to the College

By DONNA THILTON
CHART REPORTER

After working for 16 years in public schools, Donna Rieman says being at Missouri Southern has been a relaxing and enjoyable experience.

"I thought I'd give the other end of the age group a try," she said. "Instead of changing wet pants and taking care of sick kids, I thought I'd work with the college kids."

Rieman, an admissions secretary, has always worked in education. The workload she deals with now is much different than the jobs she previously had.

"A lot of the time I was a babysitter for bad kids and a nurse 90 percent of the time. The office work took a backseat to all of that," she said. "Here, it's more office work instead of babysitting."

Although Rieman does not have a college education, she says she has been fortunate enough to get a job each time she has moved. But when she came here, the want ads did not seem too promising.

"I thought I was going to have to be a truck driver or a nurse," Rieman said with a laugh. "I told my husband 'Well, I'm going to have to go to truck driving school because it takes too long to become a nurse.'"

Rieman did not get the admissions position until after a year of living in Carl Junction. She thought she wanted to get out of education for a while and took a job with the American Cancer Society in Joplin.

"It was a real depressing year of my life," Rieman said. "I'd go home feeling so bad that a small allotment of money was all that we could give them (patients), and it really got to me."

Rieman, originally from Indiana, has been married for 22 years and has a daughter who attends Missouri Southern. She likes the area, but moving here from Columbia, she said, was kind of odd.

"We've lived in a lot of places but coming here was like going back to the 60s and 70s because we had to go down a four-party phone line," she said with a laugh. "I thought 'What are we getting into?' I could-



Donna Rieman

n't believe it. I didn't know they still had party lines."

Among her hobbies are boating and water skiing. She also likes to read, go for walks, and ride bicycles. She says she is an outdoorsy-type, "but only in the summertime."

"In the winter time I hibernate," Rieman said. "It's sit by the fire and watch TV—that's it! I don't like winter at all."

Although she cannot say she has written a book or a computer pro-

gram, she believes what she does to help students is enough of an accomplishment for her.

"When I worked in the elementary schools I felt being there for the child who has a splinter and mommie isn't there to help always made me feel good. Just give them a hug and some love and send them on their way," she said. "Here, I feel just making the people feel welcome is an accomplishment for me."

Staff member takes active part in MADD

Drunk driver inflicts tragedy on Branham

By REBECCA CHILDERS
CHART REPORTER

Two years ago tragedy struck Rhonda Branham's family.

A drunk driver killed both the mother and sister of Branham, purchasing secretary at Missouri Southern. The accident occurred north of Lanagan on Route 59 after a day of picnicking and swimming.

"You don't realize how good you have it until you lose it," Branham said. "Then you learn to appreciate what you have even more."

Since the July 3, 1989, accident, Branham has become an active member of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). She now serves as the treasurer of the organization.

Besides her MADD involvement, Branham said she enjoys her job in the purchasing office. She started working at Southern in May 1990.

"I'm content," said Branham with a smile. "In fact, if I were offered a prestigious job, I'd stay right where I'm at."

"Purchasing is the same everywhere. We find the demand and give the supply. After spending someone else's money all day long, I'm less eager to spend my own."

Working for Southern has motivated Branham to go back to school. She attended the College 17 years ago but quit after the first semester.

Although Branham takes only one

class per semester during her lunch hour, she has accumulated 18 hours since the 1990 summer semester.

Branham hasn't decided on a major; however, she enjoys psychology, the course she currently is taking.

"It may take me 20 years to graduate, but at least I'm doing something I want to do," said Branham, 35.

Outside of work, she enjoys wood working, making home repairs, restoring old cars, exercising, and spending time with her family and friends. Branham also is building a deck for her above-ground pool.

She aquacises, plays racquetball, and water jogs to keep fit. She is dieting as well; she will reward herself a trip to the Bahamas with the completion of her diet.

Branham now has six brothers and sisters and shares a close relationship with her family. Although she is single and has no children, she spends time with her many nieces and nephews.

"I'm blessed. I've learned what's important in life—the happiness and well-being of the people I care about," she said.

Branham doesn't worry about the future and takes life one day at a time; however, she would like to obtain a better education.

"I'm just happy being Rhonda," she said with a grin.

SHEER CONCENTRATION



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Rhonda Branham, Missouri Southern's purchasing secretary, plays racquetball to keep in shape. She also aquacises and water jogs.

Assistant education professor has hold on future

By JENNELL MOREHEAD

CHART REPORTER

Love of education, students, and teachers, as well as great pleasure and the feeling of knowing he has done something worthwhile, drew Dr. David McConnell to his field.

McConnell, assistant professor of education, truly has a hold on his future.

"Education has to be the most exciting field going," he said. "Not only does it hold promise for potential, but also tragedy. You hold your future in your hands."

Not only does McConnell's plans include a trip to Russia, but also the publication of a book.

"It always seems like there is a new event taking place," he said with a grin. Within this whirlwind of events, he also is the father of a newborn boy.

McConnell, one of 15 children, lived in the upper peninsula of Michigan until the age of 7. His father worked as a physician in Jamaica for one year, then the family returned to the states.

"Having lived out of the United States gave me the desire to want to see my children travel," he said.

A graduate of Northern Michigan University, McConnell received his bachelor's degree in 1981. From 1981-84, he worked on his master's degree at Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky. In 1990, he obtained his doctorate from Indiana University.

From Indiana, McConnell came to Missouri. A week after he and his

wife, Victoria, moved to Joplin, their son was born.

"The week before we moved, the doctor had told us to expect a girl. Imagine our surprise when a boy was born. Hours before we had been debating a middle name for our daughter."

His wife is a registered nurse. They also have a 5-year-old daughter, Sarah, and a 3-year-old daughter, Catherine, and now the new member, George.

In addition to his family, McConnell's hobbies include golf. He is a member of the Shenendoah Singers, a community choir that sings classical and folk music. It is with this choir that McConnell plans to visit Russia. He also is currently writing a book on ethics.

"I believe that coming to terms with the world is one way to fight prejudice that stems from ignorance," said McConnell. "I'd like to be one of those people who tried to eliminate it. It is important that different ethnic groups are understood."

Ethics helped to focus McConnell's interests on education.

"The issue of ethics interests me particularly in education, especially if a teacher is acting right or wrong," he said.

"It is difficult to set worthwhile goals and then withstand the pressures that exist to give up. It is easy to be diverted, but there is no better feeling in the world than to achieve what you want."

"I don't have just one goal. I set out to do what I want or see could be done. At this point in my life, this is where I want to be."

PROUD PAPA



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Dr. David McConnell, a new professor in the education department, was welcomed to Joplin by the birth of his third child, George.

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Brad Ansley, Matt Shofler, and Jenny Latimer conduct experiments with litmus paper in Cynthia Wood's chemistry class at Webb City High School. Chemistry is one course included in a core curriculum.

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Stricter requirements on tap for entering freshmen in '93

Leon foresees full implementation of core curriculum by 1995

By T.R. HANRAHAN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Freshmen entering Missouri Southern in the future had better get ready.

More stringent guidelines for admission, including high school core curriculum requirements, are being discussed by College officials.

"As you may know, we have a budget insufficient for our enrollment," Dr. Robert Brown, vice presi-

doing this? The most fair avenue seems to be to admit those persons best prepared to take advantage of the opportunities available here."

A report submitted last summer to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education by Dr. Charles McClain, commissioner for higher education, defines a core curriculum as a program containing four years of high school English, three years of mathematics, three years of social studies,

to College President Julio Leon.

"We will, of course, phase it in," Leon said. "This would give high school students time enough to take those courses necessary for admission."

The phasing-in period will be over the next several years, Leon said.

"My estimate is that we will want it fully implemented by 1995-96," he said. "I see us adding a little more each year until then."

Leon said Southern plans to begin this relatively soon.

"We will try to begin by the spring semester if we can get agreement from the faculty and the Board [of Regents]," he said. "The first to be affected would then be the freshman class of 1993."

The first steps likely would involve specific courses.

"We haven't got details yet," Leon said. "English and mathematics would be the areas we would begin with."

Brown said improved academic preparation in high school would allow the College to reduce offerings in remedial education.

"Some students are just not taking advantage of the opportunities available in high school," he said. "We don't have the resources to make up for those missed opportunities."

"We have begun looking at ways to best make use of the resources available, and limiting enrollment is one option. What is a fair way to go about doing this? The most fair avenue seems to be to admit those persons best prepared to take advantage of the opportunities available here."

—Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs

dent for academic affairs, said. "We have begun looking at ways to best make use of the resources available, and limiting enrollment is one option. What is a fair way to go about

two years of natural science, and two years of a foreign language.

Initial new requirements for incoming freshmen likely would be somewhat less stringent, according

College prep classes offer students edge

High schools encourage math, science

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

High school students cannot start early enough in preparing for college, according to high school guidance counselors.

Gary Booth, counselor at Joplin

freshman year.

"When they start choosing electives, we ask them 'What do you think you're going to be interested in in the future?' so that we can help them look at all the options," Brannock said.

Some high schools have separate

"We offer advance placement courses in language arts, American history, biology, chemistry, physics, and calculus. In this program, students have the opportunity to take exams and earn college credit."

—Kent Harris, guidance chairman, Carthage H.S.

High School, said students in the eighth grade are encouraged to start thinking about their future.

"They fill out what is called a four-year plan in which they decide what classes they want to take in high school," he said.

The plan is not set in stone, Booth said, and can change as the students change their mind.

"It's based on their own future thinking about what they want to do in life," he said.

Similar methods are used at other area high schools.

Becky Brannock, counselor of the sophomore class at Neosho High School, said students are urged to make decisions at the end of their

programs for college-bound students. Kent Harris, guidance chairman for Carthage, said his school offers an advance placement program for college-bound students.

"We offer advance placement courses in language arts, American history, biology, chemistry, physics, and calculus," Harris said. "In this program, students have the opportunity to take exams and earn college credit."

Brannock said Neosho offers a number of college preparatory classes for seniors.

"We offer advanced classes in English for students headed for college," she said. "We also have advanced levels in American government, cal-

PLANNING AHEAD



Cherona Phillips, junior at Webb City High School, discusses college options with counselor Sherri Mitchell. Phillips is taking Webb City's college prep curriculum to prepare herself for college work.

JOHN HACKER/The Chart

culus, chemistry, and biology."

Joplin also offers a college-preparatory curriculum in addition to a general and vocational curriculum, Booth said.

"There is no real distinction made among the different curriculum," he said. "We do encourage students headed for college to take all the classes on the college prep curriculum."

Cherie Paige, counselor at Carl

Students taking 'core' score higher in college

Prep courses increase ACT scores, college GPA

By T.R. HANRAHAN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Students' success in college can be predicted on the basis of the preparation they receive in high school, College officials say.

"Students who take a strong core curriculum in high school tend to do better here, because they have a solid base upon which to build," said Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs.

According to a report submitted to the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education by Dr. Charles McClain, commissioner for higher education, "high school students taking core courses score more than three points higher in terms of average ACT composite scores and 0.3 points higher in terms of college grade-point average."

The report defines core curriculum as four years of high school English, three years of mathematics, three years of social studies, two years of

"ACT keeps track of all students who take the test," he said. "They track them in terms of who took the core curriculum in high school and those who did not. The colleges then provide the state with these students' progress at the end of their first year."

The report shows an average ACT composite score of 23.4 for students with a high school core curriculum background, compared to an average score of 20.2 for those without the core. The average college GPA for students who had taken the core courses was 2.6, while the average for those without is 2.3.

According to Leon, the difference may be even greater than these figures indicate.

"Chances are these kids with higher ACT scores go into the more difficult programs," he said. "Therefore, it will could be an even more pronounced gap."

Despite the apparent advantages of a strong high school core pro-

as an academic viewpoint.

"We presently have several programs of remediation in place. We would be able to reduce some of the money we spend on remedial education," Leon said. "We presently have to spend high school English and high math to bring some students up to speed."

Leon said he agreed with Brown's assessment.

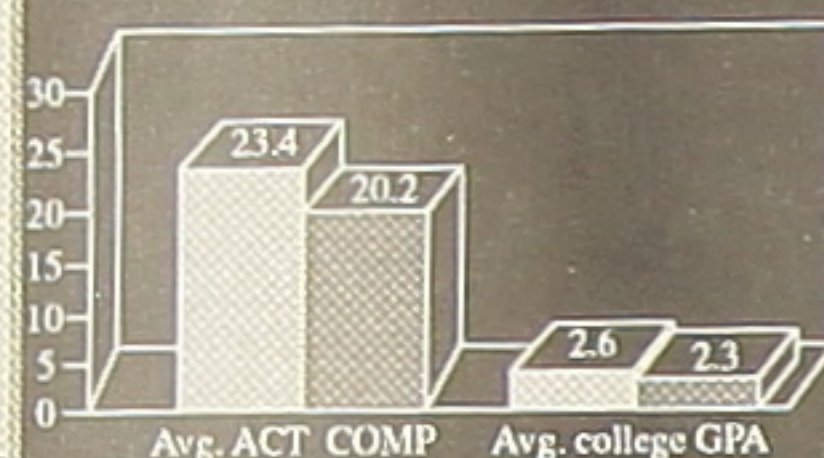
"This would result in a significant decrease in offerings of course remedial education," Leon said. "It could then logically redirect some of those resources."

Brown said the changes represent nothing more than better planning on the part of high school students.

"All high schools around here offer these [courses] to their students," he said.

"They are available, so when they come to Missouri Southern without having taken those classes, they simply are not taking advantage of the opportunities they

Advantages of college core courses in high school



Students who take college core courses in high school score over 3 points higher on the ACT and attain a college grade point average 0.3 points higher than students who do not take the core courses in high school.



Graphic by Jon Noe

natural science, and two years of a foreign language.

"The connection is definitely there," said College President Julio Leon. "That connection is one where students who take the core [curriculum in high school] have better preparation for college."

Figures included in McClain's report to the CBHE come from the 1989-90 Missouri Student Achievement Study. Leon said the study is designed to track the academic progress of all students taking the ACT.

gram, the report states that 54 percent of the spring 1990 high school graduates who enrolled as freshmen in the fall of 1990 did not take college-preparatory core courses in high school.

Further, minority students are somewhat less likely than majority students (40.5 percent compared to 46 percent) to take a college preparatory core curriculum in high school.

Brown said the changes would make sense from a financial as well

in high school."

Offering remedial courses tells students they can put off learning for later, Brown said.

"It says to them, 'If you do it in high school, come to Missouri Southern and we'll teach you the wrong message.'"

"We need to explain to them if they want to attend Missouri Southern, they need to use their school time wisely so they are prepared to attend Missouri Southern."

AP classes grant credit

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Carthage High School students have the opportunity to start on college with a head start on college.

Using a program sponsored by The College Board, called Advanced Placement Examinations, Carthage students can earn college credit by taking advanced level courses in their junior and senior years. Kent Harris, guidance chairman for Carthage, said:

"Approximately 107 students are taking AP courses this semester," Harris said. "Some of the students are taking two or even three AP courses."

The school subsidizes a portion of the cost for each student, Harris said.

"The overall fee is \$65 per student," he said. "With our subsidy, it ends up costing the student about half that much."

The program has operated at Carthage for about the last 10 years, Harris said.

"I don't know of any other schools in the area that offer the program," he said.

The amount of credit granted depends on what the college requires.

"Southwest Missouri State has been reluctant to take the AP courses, but we expect that to change in the future," Harris said. "Missouri Southern has been real flexible. We had real good relations with them."

He said he was satisfied with the program.

"I feel like it has been very successful," Harris said. "The program has been positive from the student and faculty."

Junction High School, said it offers an honors curriculum for college-bound students.

"Students in our honors curriculum have to have a number of credits above our regular graduation requirements," Paige said.

"These include three credits of math, three science credits, one life science, and one physical science credit."

The role counselors play in helping students make these decisions depends on the school, the counselor, and the student involved, Carthage's Harris said.

"The amount of help I provide depends on the student's needs," he said. "Some students demand a lot of guidance, while some require very little. I try to make [students'] options known."

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Junior wide receiver Rod Smith caught eight passes for 254 yards and three touchdowns in Saturday's 42-21 win at Southwest Baptist University. He received player of the week honors in the MIAA.

CHRIS COX/The Chart

'We're not underdogs,' Lantz, Lions maintain

Southern, PSU clash Saturday

By RON FAUSS
STAFF WRITER

Playing for what could be its first MIAA title, Missouri Southern will square off against arch-rival Pittsburg State University at 7 p.m. Saturday in Hughes Stadium. Missouri Southern, 6-1, enters the Miner's Bowl showdown ranked No. 13 in NCAA Division II. The Lions are 5-0 in the conference. PSU, No. 10 in the nation this week, is 5-1-1 overall and 4-0-1 in the MIAA.

The winner is nearly guaranteed the MIAA championship, as third-place Central Missouri State has only a 3-2 conference record.

"This is the biggest game we've played at Southern in my three years, and probably the biggest for quite some time," said Jon Lantz, head coach.

After six straight losses to the Gorillas, Southern's players say it is their turn against PSU.

"I've been here four years, and



Lions vs. PSU
7 p.m. Saturday
at Hughes Stadium

this is the first time we have a chance [to beat PSU]," said junior wide receiver Rod Smith. "We have more than a chance."

Lantz says Southern matches up better against the Gorillas than in years past.

"The people making us underdogs are Pitt State," he said. "I don't think we're underdogs. I don't think our players think we're underdogs. People say someone is the underdog because they are not as good, but we feel like we are as good."

Southern will be led by junior quarterback Matt Cook, the eighth-ranked passer in Division II, and Smith, second in the nation in receiving with 126.1 yards per game.

All-American wide receiver Ronnie West, touted as an NFL first-round draft choice, and running backs Ronald Moore and Darren Dawson ignite the PSU attack. Moore and Dawson rank third and seventh, respectively, in the conference in rushing.

"Not only is the conference championship potentially at stake, there's other things involved," said Chuck Broyles, PSU head coach. "It's Pittsburg against Joplin, southeast Kansas against southwest Missouri, and national rankings on the line."

Broyles called the contest the most important game of the season for his team.

"They (Southern) are leading the MIAA with a perfect record, but a win by us would put our team in a position to repeat as MIAA champions," Broyles said. "A win for Southern would likely propel them to their first MIAA championship."

The game is a match-up of No. 1

vs. No. 2 in the MIAA, according to team statistics. Southern and PSU rank either first or second in all but one of the eight MIAA team categories. The Lions are fourth in rushing offense while the Gorillas are eighth in passing offense.

Broyles, obviously, said he has a great deal of respect for the Lions.

"Southern is blessed with some great athletes," he said. "I don't know if there is a key to the game as far as what you have to do to stop Southern."

"They are a lot like us. It is very tough to stop our offense from doing something good. You can't go into the game thinking you have to stop one person."

Southern is coming off a 42-21 victory at Southwest Baptist in which the two teams combined for 746 passing yards and 949 yards of total offense.

Southern led at halftime 21-0 on two touchdown passes and a 2-yard run by Cook. But the Bearcats scored on their first three possessions and the Lions on two of their first three to make it relatively close at 35-21.

The Lions pulled away on a 30-yard touchdown pass from Cook to Smith. The toss was Cook's fourth scoring strike of the afternoon and Smith's third TD reception.

Smith, who ended the day with 254 yards receiving, added another 77 yards on punt and kickoff returns to capture player of the week honors in the MIAA for the second time this season.

His performance broke three team records. Smith set new Lion standards for most touchdowns in a game (three), most yards receiving in a game (254), and most yards receiving in a season (885).

SBU's head coach, Jim Hall, was impressed by the Lion performance.

"We really thought the Lions preferred to run the football, so we took away the running game and they still scored on us," Hall said. "We showed Southern two pass coverages and a new pass coverage that I know they hadn't seen before, and they were still very successful throwing the football."



RON FAUSS

Game will live up to billing

When the annual "war" between PSU and Missouri Southern opens its 24th chapter Saturday, the game will feature not only a vastly improved Lion team, but two of the top players in NCAA Division II football as well.

The Lions come into the sixth Miner's Bowl contest off to their best record since 1983. Southern is off to its best offensive start in school history, and the defense has played well since the 56-38 loss at Portland State Sept. 14. The Lions have allowed opponents only 11.8 points per game during their 5-0 conference run.

PSU has dominated Southern since 1985, when the Gorillas won 30-3 to start a string of six straight victories over the Lions.

This year, however, the game should live up to its billing as "the war" and provide fans with the most exciting Miner's Bowl game ever.

"With the Lions' offense, I would be surprised if they don't score a lot of points against Pittsburg," said Jim Hall, Southwest Baptist head coach. "The Lions look like not only a conference championship team, but a national-caliber team with the talent they have."

Southern's Rod Smith and PSU's Ronnie West will be matching offensive fireworks as well Saturday night.

West was one of only three juniors to earn first-team Kodak All-America honors last season as he rolled up 2,070 all-purpose yards. He was considered one of the leading pre-season candidates for the Harlon Hill Trophy, NCAA Division II's answer to the Heisman Trophy.

Coming into Saturday's game, West ranks fourth in the MIAA with 30 receptions for 663 yards. His 17.3 average leads the league in punt returns.

Smith comes into the contest leading the MIAA in receiving with 885 yards, 68 more than any conference receiver gained all last season. His pace of 126.1 yards per game projects to a season total of 1,387, easily outdistancing the MIAA record of 1,167.

"Rod is a great one," said Jon Lantz, Southern head coach. "What separates him from a good one is his ability to perform in the clutch."

That ability was demonstrated last Saturday in Southern's 42-21 win over SBU. The Lions were forced to move the football and score in the second half for the first time since the loss to Portland State, and the offense responded with three touchdowns, two coming on passes to Smith to run his season TD total to eight.

"Rod Smith is one of the best players to ever wear the green and gold," said Jim Frazier, men's athletic director.

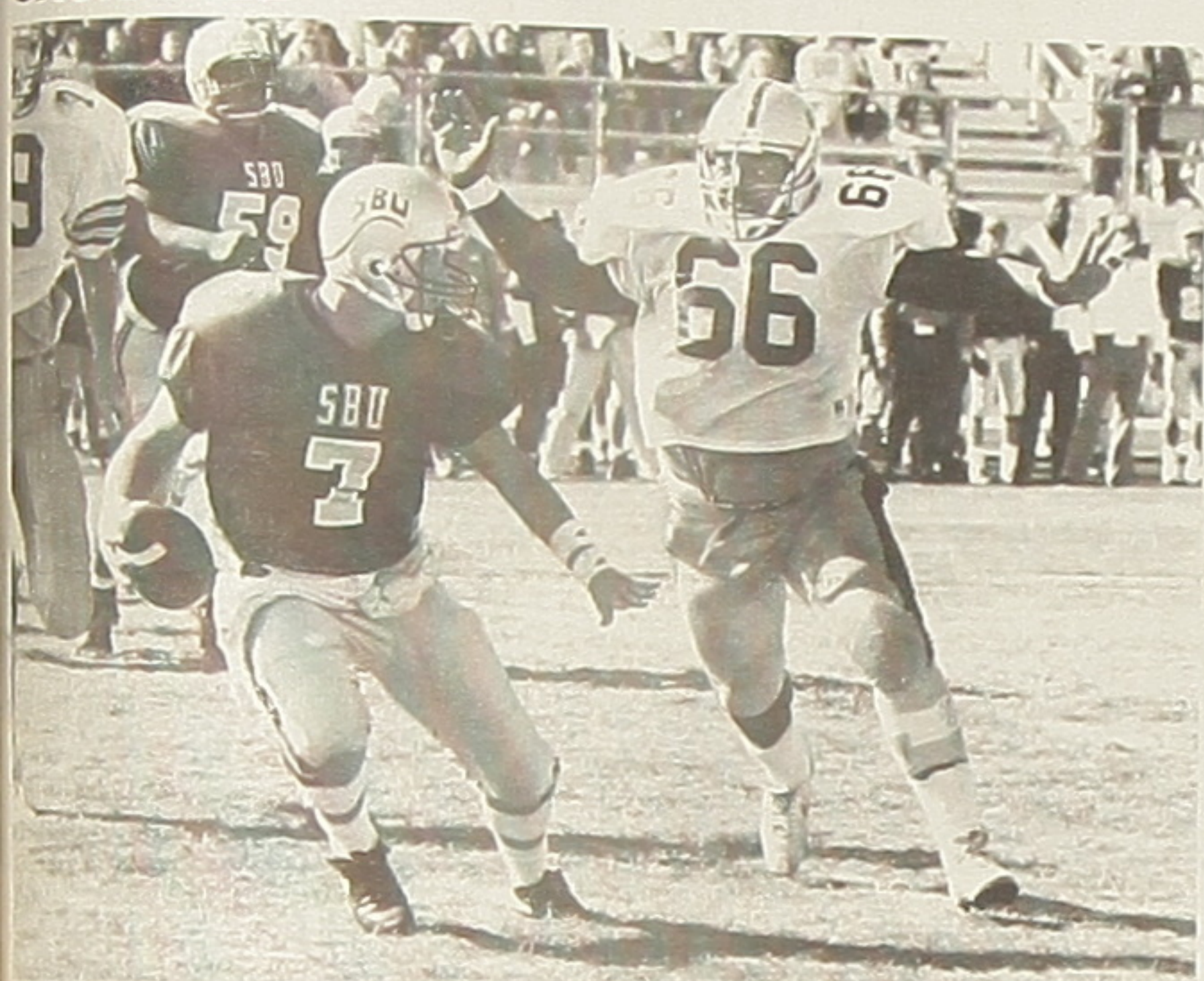
Dave Thomas, director of operations for the NFL Draft Bureau, calls West "the best thing to come out of there (the state of Kansas) since Dorothy." West has eight receiving touchdowns to bring his two-year total to 21 in only 20 games.

Since the inception of the Miner's Bowl aspect of the PSU-Missouri Southern rivalry, the Gorillas have taken home the trophy five times in five tries. Let's hope this year is the turning point of the rivalry.

"1984 was a great game," said Frazier. "The place was packed, and both teams were nationally ranked, much like what we have on Saturday. Both teams played well and spirited, and we were fortunate enough to win."

"This is the first time Southern has matched up well with Pitt State since then," he added. "Self control will be the answer. If we have the control to block and tackle, not be offside, not have blocked punts, and not have turnovers, we will be the most successful."

SACK TIME



CHRIS COX/The Chart

Junior defensive tackle Jay Pride (No. 66) pressures Southwest Baptist quarterback Trevor Spradley. Spradley passed for 426 yards, but it wasn't enough as the Lions prevailed 42-21 in Bolivar Saturday.

Forfeit gives team 7-6-2 overall mark

By CHAD HAYWORTH
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Winning by forfeit is not optimal, but Coach Scott Poertner says he will take it.

Despite winning only once in their last five games, the soccer Lions are 7-6-2, thanks to a forfeit by Lewis University. Missouri Southern lost 1-0 to the Flyers on Sept. 7.

"I got a letter in the mail saying they had forfeited their first 12 games," Poertner said. "I guess they were playing an ineligible player."

The Lions will travel to Evansville, Ind., Saturday to face the University of Southern Indiana. "They will be a strong team," Poertner said. "They came in here and beat us last year."

The team will spend the night in Indiana and then travel to Owensboro, Ky., for a 3:30 game Sunday with Kentucky Wesleyan. The Lions will return home for their final home game of the sea-

son Wednesday against Drury College. This is Drury's first season of soccer competition.

"I would hope to win," Poertner said. "Their coach used to coach at Benedictine, but we have the experience factor on them."

The Lions suffered their worst loss of the season last Thursday at Rockhurst College, 6-1. Southern's road record now stands at 4-4-1.

"We were tied 1-1 at the half," Poertner said. "But we fell apart in the second half. Rockhurst is not the same caliber of team as the University of Missouri-St. Louis, but we can't seem to make the ball go in."

The Lions did get back on the winning track Saturday, edging the University of Missouri-Kansas City 2-1 at home.

Senior Bobby Nichols scored for the first time in three years, and senior Jerry Lundy added the game winner in the second half.

The Lions dropped 3-1 decision to Benedictine College yesterday.

Basketball team to hold tryouts

Students wanting to wear the green and gold of the basketball Lions will get their chance tonight.

Tryouts for the 1991-92 Lions basketball team will begin at 8:30 p.m. in Young Gymnasium.

Robert Corn, head coach, said anyone who try out should be full-time students, meet NCAA eligibility rules, and be academically eligible. Corn said he and his staff will be looking for three primary qualities

in a potential player. "We will be looking for athletic ability, court awareness, and fundamentals as far as on the court," he said.

Corn said it is difficult to make the team.

"We have never had a person make it," he said. "We do have a spot open, and if we feel someone can help the team, we will invite him on."

"If there is no one to help the team, then we won't invite anyone."

Home course could help Lions

By NICK COBLE
STAFF WRITER

Protecting their home turf will be on the minds of the cross-country Lions Saturday as they host their first MIAA championships.

"We need to defend our own course and our own hometown," said runner Joe Wood.

The conference championships begin at 10:30 a.m. with the women's five-kilometer meet. The men's 8K race follows at 11:15 a.m.

Although most of the seven con-

ference teams have run on Southern's course, Wood said there will be a home-field advantage for his team.

"It's a difficult course with a lot of switchbacks and hills," he said. "It should be an advantage for us because some of the teams haven't been on it yet."

Southern held a time trial last Saturday to help determine the top seven men and women to compete in the MIAA. In the men's three-mile time trial, six runners finished in under 16 minutes, led by Jason Riddle (15:23) and Wood (15:34).

Because "hungry dogs hunt best," Coach Tom Rutledge will not announce the top seven until tomorrow in an effort to have the entire team focused on the conference meet.

According to Rutledge, conference rivals will meet a Southern team stronger than last year's.

"This year, people know we're a contender," he said. "I don't think anyone is going to beat us because they're more physical."

"If we just relax and run the way we can, everything will fall into place."

Lady Lions claim third in MIAA

Southern beats team with 47-1 mark

By STACY CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

After going 2-2 in the second MIAA round-robin tournament and coming away with a third-place finish in the conference, the Lady Lions will have the weekend off.

Southern originally was scheduled to host Missouri Western tomorrow, but the match has been cancelled. The volleyball team will travel to Pittsburg State Tuesday for a 7 p.m. match against a team it already has defeated twice this season.

After the PSU match, Southern will play in the Texas Woman's University Invitational in Denton, Texas, next weekend. The tournament will be a five-team round-robin event with the University of Nebraska-Omaha, Texas Wesleyan, and East Texas State joining Southern and the host school in the tournament.

Texas Woman's University is tied with Southern for 10th place in the South Central Region.

Last night, the Lady Lions improved to 23-10 with a 15-7, 15-3, and 15-7 win over Columbia College.

Columbia came into the match ranked 13th in NAIA and carrying a 47-1 record. The fact that Southern overcame this team despite its near-perfect record shows the difference between NAIA and NCAA Division II, according to Lady Lions Coach Debbie Traywick.

"I think it shows that Division II is tougher volleyball and more competitive," she said.

Traywick said Southern played a well-rounded game.

"Our setting was excellent, and good setting means good hitting," she said. "We only had five hitting errors the entire game, which is rare."

Last weekend, Southern split four matches in the MIAA round-robin tournament. The Lady Lions opened with a 15-17, 15-13, 15-10, and 15-7 win over Missouri Western, the ninth-ranked team in the region.

Southern suffered its first defeat to Central Missouri State University, 15-10, 15-9, and 15-10. CMSU, ranked 13th in the nation, was the eventual conference champion.

Southern bounced back Saturday to beat Southwest Baptist University 18-16, 15-6, and 15-6, but then lost

14-16, 11-15, 16-14, and 4-15 to the University of Missouri-St. Louis, ranked No. 11 in the nation.

Traywick said the tournament proved to the Lady Lions how good they were.

"We showed we can beat anyone if we play well," she said.

Senior Missy Beveridge said the team is on the move.

"I think we showed sparks at times and what potential we have," she said. "We showed that UMSL and CMSU are beatable."

"We know it, but we haven't proven it to anyone yet."

The Lady Lions reached one of their early season goals by placing third in the conference, but Beveridge thinks the team can move up.

"It helped us as far as goal attainment, but third isn't good enough anymore," she said. "We want first."

"We know we can beat everyone else now."

Traywick said Nico Cockrell helped the Lady Lions by demonstrating consistency throughout the tourney.

"No one played well all the time, but Nico was the most consistent," she said. "She did not miss any serves the entire tournament."

Up, up, and away...



Balloonists participate in the Columbus, Kan., Balloon Regatta, Oct. 11-13. (Clockwise from top) Two balloons launch from a field near Columbus; Ron Hayworth, a pilot from Wichita, Kan., flies his balloon a few feet over an open pasture; young spectators watch with delight as the balloons were launched; a balloonist stretches out the envelope, making inflation easier; a horse gallops in a pasture underneath the balloon.

Neosho trio shares love of ballooning

Few people in southwest Missouri get high as legally as Charles and Norma Venable and Laurie Hildebrand.

The trio from Neosho owns and flies Sidewinder, a 77,000-cubic-foot hot air balloon.

"When I took my first ride nobody told me it was habit forming," Charles Venable said. "I tell people it is sort of an ego trip; not everyone gets to do this."

Hildebrand, a 1977 Missouri Southern graduate, said the group became interested in ballooning after her cousin from Wichita, also a balloon pilot, gave them a ride. They bought their first balloon in 1984.

"I really enjoy experiencing the countryside from a different perspective," she said. "It also gives me a chance to let people experience something brand new to them."

Charles Venable said the group

travels to about 15 balloon rallies each year. They range from small races with six or seven balloons to the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, the world's largest. The Venable and Hildebrand participated in a Columbus, Kan., rally Oct. 11-13.

Most of the rallies the group attends are in the four-state area, he said.

Southwest Missouri is one of the more challenging areas in which to fly, Charles Venable said.

"There are a lot of trees, crops, and livestock to avoid," he said. "Once you can fly here, you can fly anywhere."

Because balloons are federally registered aircraft, anyone wanting to fly a balloon must earn a balloon pilot's license. Prospective pilots must have at least six hours of flight time with an instructor, an ascension

to 3,000 feet, and a total of at least 10 flight hours. A Federal Aviation Administration written test and a check ride with a designated examiner also is required.

All three are at different experience levels, Hildebrand said. Charles Venable is the most experienced pilot with more than 190 pilot-in-command hours. Norma Venable holds a student pilot license and is currently learning to fly. Hildebrand received her pilot's license in July 1990.

Although all three love to fly, there is no problem in sharing flight time, Hildebrand said.

"We were good friends before we bought the balloon, so it is not an issue," she said. "Charlie was very supportive of my efforts to get a pilot's license."

A typical balloon can cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000, Charles Venable said. Additional expenditures in-

clude money for propane to burners which heat air in the balloon, as well as moderate expensive aircraft insurance.

"I love it so much," he said, "always work a little harder to make sure it gets paid for."

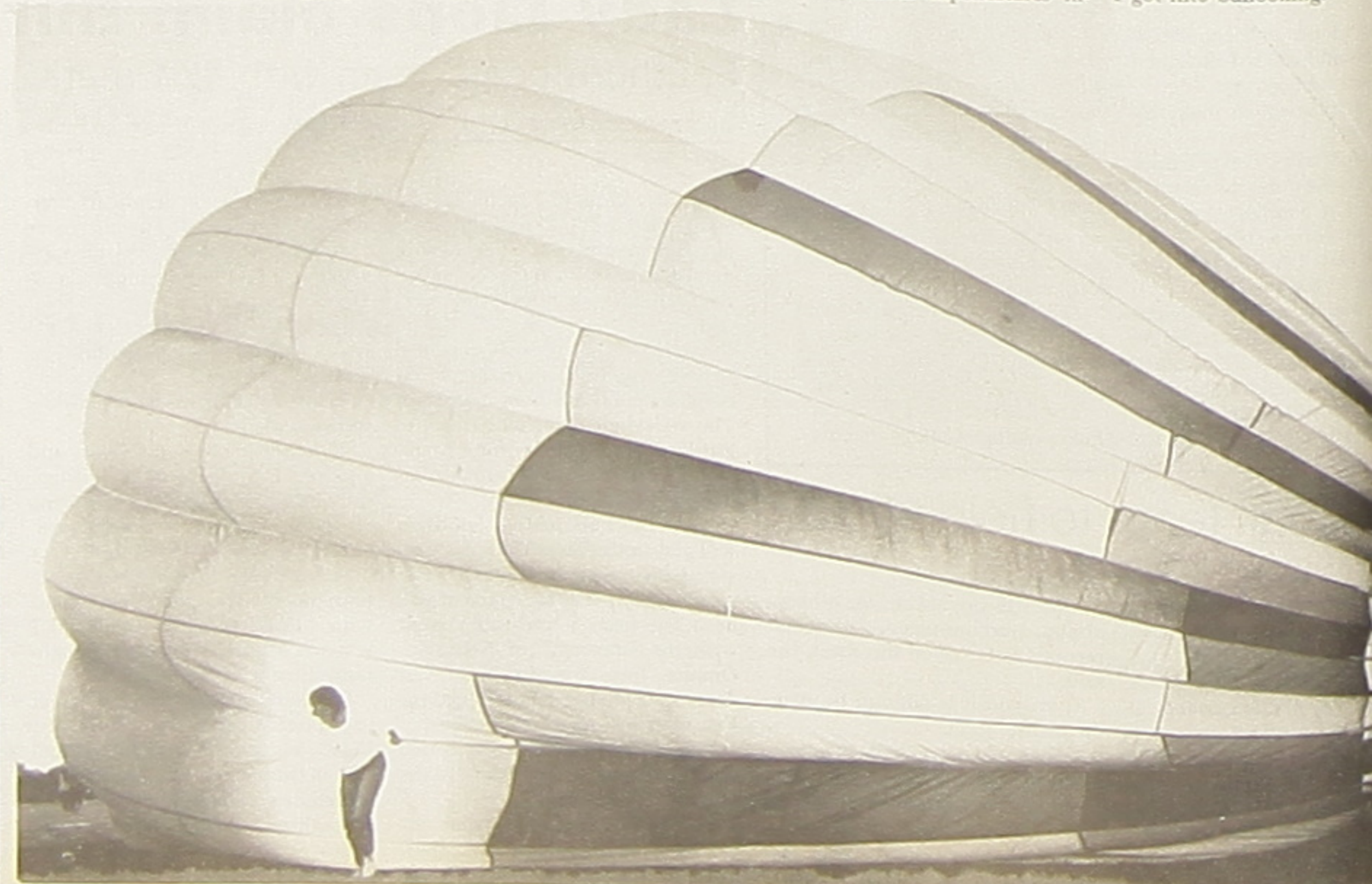
"It's not any different than one spending \$20,000 for a fishing boat."

Hildebrand said ballooning is a different kind of group.

"Many times you meet other balloonists at rallies and you meet with them for years and never know what they do for a living," she said. "Sometimes the outside world even enters our minds."

Balloons, just by their nature, draw a crowd, Charles Venable said.

"There is always a great deal of curiosity," he said. "They ask the same questions I had when I got into ballooning."



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